

## THANK YOU



EUGENE COLLINS

My sincere thanks and appreciation to all voters who gave me their support and vote in the primary election.

My special thanks to my campaign coordinator Tisha Harris, and committee members Mable Lee, Maxie Bolin, Juanita Lewis, Albert Lewis, Ethel Smith, George Ward and my understanding wife Ruby Collins.

## NAACP Gala Fund Raiser

The big NAACP held at the Aladdin Gala Fund-Raising Hotel.

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 exciting fund-raising shows ever produced in the area.

The event will be

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independent trade unions to the democratization of society. Workers and workers' movements have historically raised economic questions. And workers often strike in the United States to better their economic well-being. But what is sometimes woefully ignored by the press and the public is the commitment of free trade unions to extending democracy.

Organized labor has a proud history of fighting to defend and broaden civil and human rights in the United States. Labor organizations like the AFL-CIO and the United Auto Workers are also in the forefront of defending the human rights of imprisoned and beleaguered trade unionists and democratic activists in such countries as Cuba, Argentina, Chile, the Soviet Union, South Africa, and Poland. Union members and union leaders know that without the freedom of trade unions to function

democratically and without government interference, there can be no true advancement of workers' interests.

Thus it was both ironic and hypocritical that Ronald Reagan should so vocally claim to support the interests of the Polish workers, for Mr. Reagan and the conservatives around him have traditionally adopted a hostile attitude toward trade unions. Mr. Reagan is a firm supporter of so-called "right-to-work" laws which seek to weaken unions in the United States. And in the past he has even proposed

utilizing anti-trust legislation to bust unions. So there is no small measure irony in the fact that he is a staunch supporter of the efforts to establish free trade unions in faraway lands, and yet opposes their interests in his own country.

Blacks and other workers who watched the heroism of the striking Polish workers understand that unions free of government harassment are a cornerstone of democracy. They know that without strong and free unions society itself cannot be free.

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continuing discrimination in jobs, housing, loans, and contacts with public and private officials.

Again in sharp contrast to current mythology, three-fourths of blacks say the push for equal rights is "too slow." Ten years ago a public opinion survey found less than half of all blacks saying the push for racial equality was "too slow."

That indicates that while many Americans think the nation is travelling on the road to greater equality, black people know it is not. And again it is among middle income blacks that there is the most

dissatisfaction with the pace of progress.

Another myth Black Pulse explodes is the extent and nature of black unemployment. Most Americans are dimly aware of a black youth unemployment problem. But Black Pulse, which asked heads of households directly whether they were working and whether they wanted work, found black unemployment double the official figures.

In the midst of a hotly contested presidential campaign, these findings suggest the candidates ought to be more specific about what they intend to do about the core issues of concern to black people — jobs and discrimination.

## Vet Center Gives Aid

The Vet Center is a house in downtown Las Vegas which is staffed weekdays from 8 a.m. until 6 p.m.. However, there are team members available to respond to the needs of veterans and their families in their homes or other community settings.

The team is made up of four Vietnam-era veterans. The team leader is Kerry Merback who served with the Air Force during the Vietnam-era. Kerry has a masters degree in Social Work and has been employed by the V.A. for the past five years as a psychiatric social worker. During this time he developed a special interest in the difficulties faced by Vietnam veterans.

James Emmett served in Vietnam as a helicopter crew chief and was the recipient of the Silver Star. Jim has worked in the field of psychiatric counseling for the past four years and recently earned a masters degree in Rehabilitation Counseling.

Steve Tice was an infantryman in Vietnam and was severely wounded in the battle for Hamburger Hill. Steve is completing a masters degree in 20th Century American Social History & has worked for the past four years as an instructor on both the high school and college level.

Michael Lucas also served in the infantry in Vietnam and was badly wounded during the Tet offensive of 1968. Mike is now pursuing a degree in Alcohol and Substance Abuse Counseling.

Pete Peterson rounds out the team. Pete served as a communications specialist with the Air Force during the Vietnam-era. Pete is pursuing his education in Psychology.

The Las Vegas Vietnam Veteran Outreach Program consists of Vietnam veterans helping Vietnam veterans in their struggle to find their place in America.

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