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“\$12.50 per shot for the four bullets she sent ‘chasing’ after ‘Poison’ Smith.” Smith had made improper advancements. Ms. Buford was Black. The same Judge Blad fined Henry Ross \$50.00 and 60 days probation for sitting next to a white woman in a local movie theatre. The cream of the crop was when Bill Moses was arrested for assault and battery for forcing someone out of his tub.

Some whites, in the meantime, were bumping each other off, being involved in regular car-chasing, pistol shooting scenes and generally creating mayhem throughout the area. Those who would have qualified for a Nevada “black book,” then, like now, would have all been white. Theirs, apparently, were presumably necessary crimes — crimes which aided in the development of Las Vegas. Those who steal small are petty thieves while those who steal big are “Goldfingers.”

Attempts at demeaning Blacks followed them right on to the job site. Initially, everything was segregated on the job. Blacks worked in black work gangs. They had lunch together and they shot the breeze together — no sweat. They were from the same general geographic areas and they now were next door neighbors. A line had to be drawn somewhere. Things finally came to a head, no pun intended, because of the segregation of the latrines. Black workers staged a walkout — it lasted two days. In the end, Black men and white men did finally begin to hang out

together—too bad it was only in the “Johns.”

Numerous major hotels opened during the 1940s. They afforded new opportunities for Blacks to be discriminated against. Even though there was an array of Black entertainers appearing, locally, Blacks could not frequent those establishments. In addition, Black entertainers were not permitted to enter except for rehearsals or during performances.

Blacks who came to Las Vegas in the 1940s did not come here as tourists. They came in search of work and the work they did was for the benefit of the country. Their efforts helped save thousands of American lives. They were not overseas soldiers. They fought the war on the home front and their efforts made the efforts of the overseas soldiers a bit easier. Theirs was the thankless task for which they received not even a thimble of respect.

There were other Blacks who arrived here with the military. They fought to make the world safe for democracy — or was it to gain democracy for the world?

Norman Hill

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blacks and other minorities in his selections for positions in the Administration. There is, therefore, reason to expect that the Carter Economic Revitalization Program will create job opportunities for unemployed blacks and Hispanics.

What is most significant about the Revitalization Program is that it reflects an overall political and philosophical approach. Unlike Ronald Reagan, President Carter is

willing to commit the federal government, in partnership with labor and industry, to an activist initiative which seeks to remodernize our country's plants and factories and which plans to retrain workers from industries which are becoming outmoded. President Carter does not believe that government should pack up and go home, leaving the resolution of our country's critical questions to big business and the marketplace. Above all, President Carter, unlike Mr. Reagan, is committed to a reindustrialization program based on an even-handed attitude toward labor and business.

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NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS

Sealed proposals will be received by the Directors of the Department of Transportation of the State of Nevada at their office in the State Highway Building, Carson City, Nevada, until and opened at 1:30 p.m., local time, on November 13, 1980, for Contract No. 1873, Project No. SOS-03(13), construction of a portion of the City Street System at Three City Intersections in Las Vegas, Clark County.

SPECIFIC DESCRIPTION OF WORK COVERED BY THIS CONTRACT CONSISTS OF: INSTALLING TRAFFIC SIGNAL SYSTEMS.

The minimum wage to be paid on this contract shall be as determined by the Secretary of Labor or the State Labor Commissioner and are set forth in the contract documents.

Employment lists may be obtained from the local office of the Nevada Employment Security Department at 135 South 8th Street, Las Vegas, Nevada 89101.

Plans and specifications may be examined at the office of the undersigned, the Department of Transportation District Offices at Sparks and Las Vegas, Nevada; the Regional Office of the Federal Highway Administration, 2 Embarcadero Center, Suite 530, San Francisco,

California, 94111; at the offices of the Associated General Contractors of America, 438 South Main Street, Salt Lake City, Utah, 84101; and 300 South Wells Avenue, Reno, Nevada, 89502; at the office of the F.W. Dodge Company, P.O. Box 14185, Las Vegas, Nevada, 89114, at the office of Daily Pacific Builder, 2450 17th Street, San Francisco, California, 94110; and at the office of the Construction Notebook, 3599 Polaris, Las Vegas, Nevada, 89103. Plans, form of proposal, contract and specifications may be secured by prequalified bidders through the office of the undersigned. A fee of Ten Dollars (\$10.00) is required for the purchase of each copy of the plans with proposal form. Plans, proposal form and specifications obtained on this basis are non-returnable and no refund will be made. Bids must be on the proposal form of the Department of Transportation and must be accompanied by a bid bond, a certified check, a cashier's check, or cash in the amount of five percent (5 percent) of bid.

Right is reserved to reject any or all bids. Contractors desiring to bid on this work, if not already qualified under

the State Law, shall file with the Department of Transportation at Carson City, Nevada, not later than five (5) days prior to the date for opening of bids, a complete application for qualification on form furnished by the Department. All requests must be made in writing on the standard printed form provided free of charge for that purpose by the Department of Transportation.

The attention of bidders is directed to the State Contractor's License Law requirement (NRS 642.230 as amended to date), that a contractor hold a valid license of a class corresponding to the work to be done. Requests for license may be directed to the Secretary of the State Contractor's Board, 328 South Wells Avenue, (P.O. Box 7497), Reno, Nevada.

This is a Federal-aid project and as such, any contractor otherwise qualified by the State of Nevada to perform such work, is not required to be licensed nor to submit application for license in advance of submitting a bid or having such bid considered; provided, however, that such exemption does not constitute a waiver of the State's right under its license laws to

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