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organizing. Blacks who derive substantial benefits as a consequence of belonging to unions in the North and Midwest have to date been largely deprived of similar benefits in the South. The Stevens victory, a victory in a battle waged in the South and against one of the most militantly anti-union corporations in America, is an indication that the South can be won for labor.

The Stevens contract also provides clear evidence of the benefits of union membership for blacks and all workers. It includes provisions regulating workloads, allows union officers to participate in formulating in-plant safety and health policies, bars discrimination on the basis of race, sex, age, or religion, and protects workers from arbitrary management decisions. From a financial point of view, the contract has much to commend it. It provides for increases in the neighborhood of 8.5 percent and in the case of the Roanoke Stevens

plant, allows for retroactive pay which totals over \$1,000 per worker.

The significance of the Stevens victory, however, is not confined to the tangible benefits it has produced for workers. Of equal importance is the fact that the ACTWU's success will trigger a major organizing effort in the

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FIVE (5) WHOLE WEEKS (NOEL/NOEL) it is a Health HAZARDOUS THANG WITH ALL THE TRASH AND BOTTLES COLLECTING UNDER THE OLD CAR THAT IS JUST A PARKED THERE. BUT! WHY CUM??? THEY TOW SOME AWAY WHILE YOU STOP FOR A BOTTLE - O-SODA POP IF YOU IN THE SO'LECT SIDE-O-TOWN ...WHY DON'T THE STREET CLEANING MAN REPORT HOW BAD THE BUILD UP IS OR DON'T THE SWEEPER MAN CARE ABOUT THE HEALTH OF THE BLACK FOLKS WHO JUST A BE WALKING BY THE ABANDON CAR... OH SAY CAN YOU SEE THE CAR BEING MOVED, OR, WILL THE BEAT GO ON-MONAMODI.

Christmas Parade Saturday

The City of North Las Vegas and the Chamber of Commerce will welcome the holiday season on Saturday, December 6th at 5 p.m. with a night lighted Christmas parade. This annual event is the largest held in the state of Nevada.

This year's theme is "Old Fashioned Christmas." Decorated for the spectacular event, floats, bands, riders and more will form at the Chamber building, Roosevelt and Hoover, and proceed east along Lake Mead Blvd. to Belmont.

Fourteen professional announcers will line the

route to describe each entry. Businesses of the community will have the opportunity to employ this method to wish the community a Happy Holiday.

Popcorn, balloons, hot chocolate and other novel booths along the parade route are offered to non-profit organizations as a means to raise money for their society.

Santa Claus will be on hand with his trusty helpers immediately after the parade to greet the youngsters. Evenings are cool so participants should dress warmly.

South. For nearly two decades, J.P. Stevens stubbornness was a symbol of the difficulties in organizing the South. Now that the myth of Stevens invincibility has been demolished organized labor will be more bold in its efforts to achieve major gains in this region.

DADDI-O

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and I ran out the back door of my business and practically ran all the way to Las Vegas which had some reputation at that time. I knew I could hide here."

DADDI-O has survived and remains the proud father of 4 children and he says "I have two others around somewhere." All of his children are still living with the oldest recently reaching his 59th birthday.

DADDI-O remembers getting fired from the Riviera Hotel in 1955 for winning \$25.00 on one of the slots while on duty as a porter.

Gaming is in his blood and will always be next to his heart.

Just last Thursday he retired and now wants to sit back and reminisce about his past life. His last job was at the Silver City as a porter. "They just keep on calling me to come back but I ain't gonna. I want to spend more of my time now looking at the women 35 and under," he quipped.

ROWAN

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'The Sensuous Man' and Dr. Reuben's 'Everything You Ever Wanted to Know About Sex...' but that's not enough. If you're not a good provider, you're not a MAN."

So there goes one more separation or divorce, and there comes one more tragic one-parent family.

The recession of 1980 will never die for such ex-workers and their families.

But there is a new group of middle-class and pretending-to-rich Americans who will be testimony to their last days that recessions leave a permanent curse upon this society. The Washington Star reports what I am convinced is a national trend: This society's economic woes have produced an army of well-educated, "high-class" Americans who are resorting to embezzlement, fraud, prostitution, writing bad checks and various other "white-collar" crimes. In Washington's suburban Prince George's County, police say the embezzlement case load has grown 300 percent in one year. Check fraud cases jumped from 22 in

February 1979 to 86 in February 1980.

The Star quoted a Prince George's official as saying of his county that, "There's more money lost through white-collar crimes than all other crimes combined."

Terrible. But just another STATISTIC.

BLACK BACKERS

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record in the next four years. If it protects black social and civil rights gain and if it fulfills its promise to wipe out unemployment, it can add blacks to the other groups that have withdrawn from the old Democratic coalition.

Why should they bother? After all, Mr. Reagan won in a landslide without black votes, and many of the new Republicans in the senate are there without visible black support either.

The answer is that a 1980 is rare in politics. Close elections are the rule. And in close elections, the black vote can be decisive. Black voters hold the balance of power in many key states. Even the shift in population to the Sunbelt reinforces this fact, as the large black population in the South

and Hispanic voters in California and Texas and Florida will be crucial in future elections.

Politicians know too, that measures that alienate black voters also drive away others who share the goal of a more equal society.

Republican strategists believe they are poised to capitalize on a massive realignment in American politics. They know that capturing black voters is necessary for them to prosper over the long term. So the 1980 election, rather than ending black political influence, should inaugurate a new period of competition for black votes.

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