

Point of View



Alice Key

"If death should claim me for her own today
 And softly I should falter from thy side
 Tell me, loved one, would my memory stay
 And would my image in your heart abide?
 Or should I be as some forgotten dream
 That lives its little space, then fades entire?
 Shoud time send o'er you its relentless strength
 To cool thy heart and quench for'er love's fire?
 I would not for the world, love, cause you pain
 Or ever compass what would bring you grief
 And oh how well I know that tears are vain
 But love is sweet, my dear, and life is brief
 So, if some day before you I should go
 Beyond the sight and sound of song and sea
 It would give my spirit stronger wings to know
 That you remembered still and wept for me."

A long time ago when the world was young, while still enjoying marital bliss, Ruth and Harry Mills on occasion would ask me to recite the above quoted poignant verse penned, if memory serves, by the young poet Ernest Dowson. I, who had dashed from New York to California with Harry to stand with him and Ruth when they were wed, with a breaking heart was to remember the poet's words more than two decades later when, at Ruth's funeral services, I pressed Harry's hand and said to him, "Happy, I'll remember and weep for her." His reply was "So will I, Reds, so will I."
 So shall I remember my friend, Harry Mills, that great personality and talent and even greater gentleman and gentle man who took his final curtain call last Monday, and I shall forever weep for his irrevocable loss.

Senator Howard Cannon's Campaign Headquarters West Committee are celebrating Independence Day with a day-long Barbecue Fundraiser, Saturday, July 3rd to mark the opening of the Campaign Headquarters located in the parking lot of the People's Choice Restaurant & Casino at "H" Street and Owens Avenue. Cannon supporters (as are all candidates and their supporters, I should think) are delighted with the emergence of the BSWV (Blacks Speak With Votes) Political Action League presently engaged in a Voter Education/Registration Drive in West and North Las Vegas.

It hasn't been a good year, health-wise, for several near and dear to me. My anxiety began early in February when my brother in California became seriously ill, which necessitated that three months' absence of mine from the scene. He has recuperated nicely, I'm pleased to report, as has "oie buddy" Gwen Weekes Rahner, who has made two jaunts to the hospital within the last month. Gwen is home, giving me my morning wake-up call, and is expected to be in the thick of "Cam-

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To Be Equal

DEPRESSION HITS BLACKS

By John E. Jacob

By now it should be obvious that Reaganomics has failed.

For a year and a half we've conducted an experiment in wishful thinking and all we have to show for it is a deficit projected at half a trillion dollars over the next five years and a raging Depression.

We've got a cascade of bankruptcies ranging from the corner grocer to giant companies employing thousands. We've got a manufactur-

needed to enter the economic mainstream.

Their generation should have been the one that made the breakthrough to parity



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ing sector operating at only seventy percent of capacity, double-digit interest rates that paralyze business activity and over ten million people out of work.

Much of the devastation is temporary; but the damage done to black and minority Americans will be felt for another generation.

First, the small, struggling black middle class is being decimated.

Blacks are disproportionately employed by government, and federal personnel layoffs have hit black government workers especially hard. Minority administrators have been laid off at over double the rate for whites.

The last hired, first fired principle is working with a vengeance too as black workers are laid off by corporations and state and local governments. The net result is a sharp blow to the middle class backbone of the black economy.

Second, the astronomical unemployment rate among young blacks means that millions will be deprived of the work experience, discipline and skills

with the white majority. Instead, it looks like it will become a Depression generation doomed to marginal activity.

Third, the impact on the working poor through layoffs and federal program cuts forces many into total dependency. We have no body count on the number of people forced to drop out of college and technical schools, forced onto welfare rolls, or drafted into the rapidly expanding army of the permanently poor.

But we do know that black poverty figures are rising, that blacks dropped from CETA jobs are still unemployed, and that black enrollments at colleges are down. Many of those victims of the Depression of '82 will never recover.

All of this takes place in a setting that finds the typical black family earning just a little over half of what the typical white family earns and less than the government itself says is needed for a decent standard of living.

PEOPLE, PLACES and POLITICS

By Joe Neal



We didn't know that the General was a "dove." We speak of Alexander Haig, the former Secretary of State. You have probably heard by now that Haig resigned from the post of Secretary of State.

The strange thing about this resignation is that the word out of Washington is that Haig was a force of moderation within the Reagan Administration. If this was the case, it was a fact that was quite well hidden from the public.

Haig's arrogance, which was often exemplified in his speeches, gave the appearance of his being a "hawk" in the true military sense of the word. But many who were closer to the Washington scene than I, are now saying that Haig was a stabilizing force within the administration and one who was most trusted by Europe. If this was the case, it makes one wonder what we have now that Haig has gone.

It was Haig who we first heard say that a limited nuclear war could be fought in Europe. Does his departure now represent that this country could fight a full scale nuclear war? I don't think so.

Haig is a general. As such, his mental process is geared to the defense of the country. The Californians in the Reagan Administration are businessmen. Their mental process is geared to making money. Economics and the concept of a free enterprise system is a prime motivating force for this group. It is not surprising that the selection to replace Haig was a businessman.

It is surprising that Reagan would have two men in his cabinet, who have close ties with Saudi Arabia. George Schultz, Haig's replacement, and Casper Weinberger were employed by the Bechtel Corporation, which has a seventeen billion dollar contract with Saudi Arabia to build a new city and airport in that country.

It is being reported that Haig's hard line support for Israel's invasion of Lebanon may have triggered his ouster. There are indications that this country may have been pressured by the Saudis to control Israel's assault upon Beirut, Lebanon.

The Saudi's pressure came in three forms. They would curtail the oil exports to this country, withdraw the billions of dollars out of American banks and invite Russia to set up an embassy in their country. With this kind of muscle being flexed, Haig could not remain in the cabinet.

Haig's departure can be seen as an appeasement of the Arabian interests.

Saudi Arabia is this country's E. F. Hutton. When she speaks, this government listens.

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