demand skills and

knowledge our young

people don't get from

inferior schools, decay-

ing cities and insensi-

tive governments. Most

of today's minority un-

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trained for growth jobs

A Universal Employ-

in growth industries.

that locks increasing

numbers of people into

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So, a partnership of

government, industry

and community-based

groups will be neces-

sary to get a Universal

Employment and Train-

ing program off the

ground and save our na-

Buddy can you spare a dine?

By Roosevell Filzgerald

"Say buddy, can you road" was the order of the imminent industry in- when additions to the for- ployment is concerned. spare a dime." During the day for most men. Any voked the ire of indigents ce were made. Additions They did. Had the Las 1930s, dimes were few woman who did such a and 'a. between. Panhan- thing was simply a tramp infuriated by those in- made. During the first tioned with even the dlers abounded from with the malicious fringements. coast to coast. On street definition.

peddlers sold apples, overnight boom town. protection through the there was a constant tur- the employment of Blacks the state office of labor, chestnuts and even Over forty-two thousand strength of their nover in the labor force, of the project is con-suggested that Blacks firewood. Along the letters of inquiry arrived thousand of miles of from prospective job railroads which criss seekers. These, and crossed the country, those thousands of others there could be found who arrived daily, were a "hobo" camps wherever constant threat to Las organizations. Those deaths due to accidents." any kind of water supply Vegans who felt that they Black organizations came The workers were not earwas available. Riding the should have preference rails or, as one writer put with whatever jobs that it "Taking to the open might become available.



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who became increasingly were constantly being Vegas Labor Office func-Local whites had dam project, thousands of ness there would have corners in New York City, Las Vegas became an gained employment men had been employed, been no problem as far as Blood, Deputy Director of organizations and unions. The work was difficult and cerned. However, as should not be hired on the Blacks were on the verge the heat of Black Canyon usual, force was project because their of becoming involved in was almost unbearable, necessary to insure presence would cause employment through their On top of that, there was Blacks equity in em-tension with the white establishment of self-help also the occasional ployment opportunities. workers. In addition to into existence because ning a lot of money and white Las Vegans had some felt that their rewarconsciously excluded ds were not worth the Blacks from participating risks they were expected in "white" organizations to take. Some, as soon as especially those which they had a grubstake, had any kind of economic headed for cooler climes. or social bearing. The

CCLPA had been founded The obvious result of in 1931 by McCants, those events is that Allbritton, Simpson and thousands of different Liddell as officers, the men appeared on the NAACP had been initiated roster of workers. An much earlier. Both example of the high turorganizations had, as a nover rate may be shown Blacks were kept on the this, he thought there major part of their direc- by reference to just one outside. They had to make would be "difficulties of tion, the task of obtaining month: "During the first a living and the only way housing and feeding employment for those fifteen days of December that, was left to do that 'colored labor,' and the were being the labor turnover was by doing mental jobs, cost of providing separate ostracized and thereby averaged thirteen per when possible, or by in- facilities for..." would be enhancing their quality of day...There were three- volvement in iflegal ac- an undue expense. This life. As a result of their ef- hundred thirty-nine men tivities. forts more and more at- hired during this period." The REVIEW JOURNAL segregated facilities for tention was brought to Most months were that reported on the latter Black workers was but a bear on the truly pitiful way and December, as we while totally ignoring the mirror of the realities of condition in which blacks all know, is not a hot mon- efforts of the CCLPA and segregation in Nevada. were being forced to live. th. However, in spite of all the NAACP to obtain jobs Boulder City, built with The impact of the con- of those changes, none of for Blacks. The victim was , federal funds to house dition was heightened by those hired were Black, given the burden of his dam workers, was a the unusual activity taking and that trend generally victimness. From "one- segregated community. place in Las Vegas as continued throughout the armed" holdup artists to Some portion of those preparations got un-construction of the dam bootleggers to strong- funds was a result of derway for the actual con- ever after the first Blacks armed robbery to charity taxes paid by Black struction of the dam. were hired.

There was quite a lot of Quite a bit of confusion gamut. None of that small thereby, were being preliminary work which existed in the entire hiring number, however, were required to subsidize had to be done. Among process. Preference was hired on the dam project. racism. One reputable those were the tasks of to be given to Nevada With over 4000 workers Boulder City resident who

The ever increasing in- The president of the Six number of Blacks should cidences of itinerants in- Companies had said that not have presented much terested in invading the Blacks would be hired of a problem as far as emyear of construction of the minimum degree of fair-



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constructing a road from residents who were also needed, it would appear worked as a checker in Las Vegas to the dam site, veterans, but newcomers that the 37 Blacks who the cafeteria at Boulder constructing a railroad to to the area quickly qualified would have had City could not ever recali carry heavy equipment, fulfilled residency at least some represen- seeing a Black person the erection of power requirements. The local tation in the work force at eating in that cafeteria. lines from southern Chamber of Commerce the work site. The hiring The complaints which California, the erection of became involved in a practices of the local of- were constantly being Boulder City as a dor- program of identification. fice of the Nevada Office lodged against the Six mitory camp for the it stated that it "is not Of Labor played a major Companies by local white workers and even the registering men who have role. Everybody except laborers and by Blacks beginning of the con- lived here less than one Blacksseemedtohavehad created an untenable struction of the All year," and that it had input. The local Red Cross situation with the local American Canal in "checked the references had set themselves up as labor office. Everyone in a southern California's Imand approved of 138 white having something to say position of authority, it men and 37 colored men of the needs of aspiring seems, attempted to shift who have been residents workers. Its Executive the responsibility to It is apparent that there a year and longer." Ac- Secretary stated in a letter someone else. In the was quite a lot of work cording to that tabulation sent to the Director of the meantime, those who being done in Las Vegas, there were a total of 175 Labor Office, that they were unemployed It is equally apparent that men who were bona fide had "endeavored to refer because of discrimination the majority of the work residents that had been you only those men who were "doing without." was being done by recent checked. Whether the are heads of families and arrivals. Las Vegas' Chamber's report was who seem fit to work." Approximately a month population had not been exhaustive or all-inclusive Apparent; y, the Red after the June meeting

statement of the need for cases, Blacks ran the Americans. Blacks,

sufficient to fill all of the is not very important. Cross did not recognize where the promise was Equal Housing jobs created by the begin- What is important is the the existence of Black made to end ning of the dam project, fact that such a small families. Mr. Leonard discrimination on the

During the 1930s, dimes were few and far between for blacks. In Las Vegas, blacks were kept on the outside of the employment picture. Of 4,000 needed on the Boulder Dam project, 37 blacks "qualified."

> project, the first ten settled with justice and People Blacks were hired at the fairness."

tention of the Secretary of

the Interior through the

National Bar Association,

measures were taken to

assure the Colored people

of their just proportion of

the work on this project. It

is gratifying, not alone to

the people of African

descent, but to all lovers

of fair play that this

question of Negro labor

on Hoover Dam has been

finally came to the at-

Hoover Dam. Ten Blacks It required a special art what is right is done it is out of a work force in ex- of the Secretary of the In- made to appear that cess of four thousand is a terior to get Blacks hired preferential treatment is miniscule percentage, on the project. The locals extended to Blacks - just but the impression opted to not assume the the opposite is true. the responsibility of insuring Blacks have never newspapers seem to have that each American received such treatment suggested something citizen be given the op- and are in the condition quite to the contrary, portunities guaranteed they are simply because "The Colored people of every American citizen. some whites have been Las Vegas have made a The newspapers referen- afforded such treatment. persistent campaign to ce to the American Bar After all of the effort to obtain the just treatment Association is erroneous. gain employment on the in this matter which the The reference should dam and after such a Constitution of the United have been to the National glowing account of the States guarantees to Association for the Ad- "Americanism" involved them. When the matter vancement of Colored in their being hired,

All too often, when

Nevadans to vote on these questions

Here is a list of the other measures on the Nov. 2 statewide ballot:

Question 1 — Constitutional amendment to give property tax breaks for conserva-

Question 2 — Constitutional amendment to guarantee the right to keep and bear

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of a business commun-

ity that knows it needs

to have skilled workers

and which faces the tre-

mendous task of re-

training present em-

ployees for tomorrow's

community that knows

the free enterprise sys-

tem cannot long sur-

Question 3 — Constitutional amendment to allow the state Legislature to authorize purts below the District Court level to defer and suspend criminal sentences.

Question 4 — Constitutional amendment to prohibit reduction of a life sentence hout parole or death sentence to a sentence that would allow parole.

Question 5 — Constitutional amendment to adjust the boundary of the state so that arts of Nye and Lincoln and all of Clark counties would be included. Ouestion 6 — Constitutional amendment authorizing imposition of an estate tax no

reater than the credit allowable under the federal tax. Question 7 — Amends the Sales and Use Tax Act to allow a tax on materials used to

Question 8 - Constitutional amendment to exclude household goods and fur-

Question 9 — Constitutional amendment to exempt all food, including food served restaurants, from taxation.

Question 10 — Allows issuance of bonds for libraries.

Question 11 — Creates an office of consumer advocate for public utilities within the

Ovestion 12 — Initiative petition for a public utilities consumer advocate.



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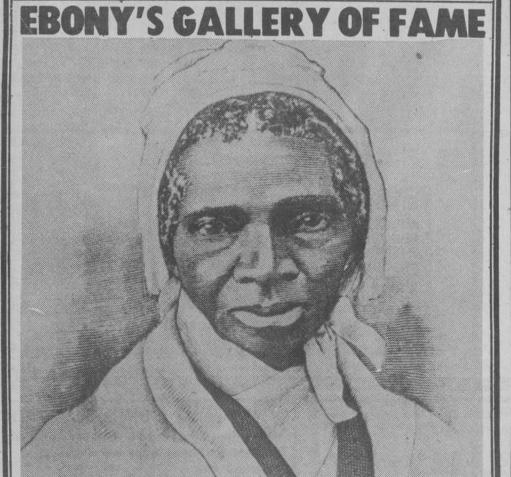
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