

Point of View

PEOPLE, PLACES and POLITICS

By Joe Neal



We are now in the last month of 1982. There are some things we can expect to happen in the year of 1983. For instance, the gas prices are expected to rise, not from any manipulation of a foreign nation but from the manipulation of the "big oil" companies in this country — and the complicity of the Reagan administrators.

Major oil companies of this country, which are trading in oil on the international market, have been successful in getting certain regional groupings to bind themselves into a regional market for a more aggressive competitive effort in the selling of their crude oil.

This grouping of oil producing nations on a regional basis started with Britain and Norway. These nations pump their oil from the North Sea and sell it to the major oil companies such as Union Oil Co., and Standard Oil of California Exxon Corp., just to name a few.

The pricing of crude oil by these North Sea nations is below those prices set by the oil producing export countries (OPEC) which consist of the African nations, Saudi Arabia and Venezuela.

Another regional group which has come on the oil scene is the Gulf Cooperation Council. This is a closely knitted alliance of oil producers from the Persian Gulf. This group consists of major oil pro-

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Editorial

IN DEFENSE OF BLACK CHURCHES

Much has been said about why the Black churches in Las Vegas are not doing more for the young people of our Black community than they are, and why many of our young people are turning to drugs for kicks instead of to the church.

Granted, we possibly could do more, but we must realize that it takes money to install and conduct an outreach program that would reach our young people in the manner that they should be reached. With the economy as it is, and with the job market at its lowest ebb in many years, it is no wonder that many Black churches have thrown up their hands in disgust, and are not able to provide the kinds of programs for our young Blacks that are sorely needed.

A question that should also be asked is: How many of our young Blacks would take part in a study program, an athletic program, a social and/or recreational type program if one was offered? We think that there would be some participation, but not enough to justify hiring a supervisor, counselor, coach, or some other leader.

It can be done, but it takes money, time, and effort to get a viable youth program off the ground. The question is: Are we willing to sacrifice the money, time, and effort to get and keep a program going in our churches?

We are extremely pleased to see and hear so many of our young people actively participating in our church musical programs. Some of our Black churches have athletic programs for our youth. Other churches plan and carry out other activities for the youth.

We would like to see the drug rate among our youth in the Black community reduced, but it will take money to provide proper programs to provide for the worthy use of leisure time.

We can do it!

"A FEW BITS"

by Lee Walker

ONE BIT: KCEP is alive and will be in action on Dec. 1, 1982.

Sylvia Staples, EOB Administrator-in-Charge of the Radio Station owned/operated by the Economic Opportunity Board of Clark County will soon announce the Station's schedule and programs.

Marvin Logan the manager of the past will be the manager of the present. As most of the fans of KCEP know ... Mr. Logan has offered to run the Station strictly on a volunteer basis as well as have the DJ's that most of you have missed since the closure of the Station a few months back consented to be back on the air.

The reopening of 88.1 FM on your radio dial could not have been possible without the support of John Edmonds of Nucleus Plaza and Local Development Co., Rev. Sam Roberson of COMBACH, Inc., Henry P. Miller of Moulton Rouge Lounge and, of course, Sarann Knight-Predy of the Black Chamber of Commerce and finally the Las Vegas Voice for their media services.

TWO BITS: There is a new twist in the political arena.

We (those who vote and those who do not) have often complained about the elected officials over their relaxed attitude to the (Westside) community.

Believe it or not, the complaints have turned around ... yes, the elected officials feel the community should offer some kind of support to them. Understandably so; how can a person help you with a problem or an idea if you don't make that individual aware of its existence?

So, let's turn this matter around again — and go to the city and county commission meetings. By doing this, we would serve two purposes — one, it will enable us to know what's going on before these bodies, take a stand or vote. Secondly, we will have an opportunity to make known our feelings to the elected officials before "others" who might not share or care about our concerns. In other words, we must get off our butts and stop sitting with complaints and belated reactions.

For example: You (we) have no voice in the Convention Authority decisions, no say in the building of the Cashman Complex (Stadium), no contractors involved in the building of that same stadium and finally we will not have any vendors operating in the complex and the same goes for our participation in the building and vending at our airport. All this and many other social and financial gains have slipped through without any resistance from us at the Black community.

THREE BITS: Hopefully, with the election of a new Sheriff, the local businesses (Black restaurants-lounges) will not be subjected to "gestapo" techniques as in the past. We hope the police department will offer us the same respect and courtesy that is offered on the Strip and Downtown. In other words ... just because we are Black does not mean that we are irresponsible.

And above all, officers, remember to get respect — you must learn to give it.

FOUR BITS: We only have a few worthwhile "role models" for our young to emulate. With that in mind, we should be lobbying to Governor-elect Richard Bryan that he keep Dr. Claude Perkins on as Director of the Department of Commerce.

A typical advantage of "role models" is that of the appointment made by outgoing Governor Bob List of Boxing Commissioner Ed Brown of Brown's Publications. The youngsters are so proud of him, and rightly so.

ANOTHER BIT: When the Hoggards do something good — no mention. When the Ministers are preaching the gospel — no mention. When the Chaney's are finding jobs for those in the community — no mention. When the NAACP is making an effort to secure our rights — no mention. But, when they do something considered by some to be questionable or shortcoming — FRONT PAGE.

To Be Equal

THE NAMIBIA TANGLE

By John E. Jacob

Few Americans have even heard of Namibia, a nation in southwest Africa illegally ruled by South Africa. But unless the long-simmering dispute regarding Namibia's long-overdue independence is resolved soon, it may wind up as a major setback for U.S. policy.

Virtually no one argues any more that South Africa has a right to be in Namibia. It got a protectorate over the territory after World War I and was supposed to prepare it for independence; instead it tried to incorporate it into South Africa.

The U.N. took away the mandate in 1966. The International Court of Justice ruled in 1971 that South Africa's occupation of Namibia was illegal. South Africa stands alone in maintaining it has the right to withhold independence.

Negotiations have been going on for six years between South Africa and an American-led group of western nations to bring in-

plex negotiations for Namibian independence. South Africa is clearly trying another delaying tactic. This time it worked,

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John E. Jacob the primary goal of Namibian independence, it would be far more likely to achieve its other goal — the withdrawal of Cuban troops from Angola.

Instead, by linking the two issues, our southern Africa policy seems doomed to failure. We've been manipulated by South Africa into delaying a final settlement that br-

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dependence to Namibia.

South Africa has continually stalled, making grudging concessions one by one, until finally, it seemed last year that an agreement was in sight.

But then the South Africans came up with a new ploy. They said they could not leave Namibia unless the 15-20,000 Cuban troops in neighboring Angola also pulled out. The Angolans say they can't ask the Cubans to leave until attacks from South Africa end.

By dragging the issue of Cubans in Angola into the com-

plex negotiations for Namibian independence, South Africa is clearly trying another delaying tactic. This time it worked, as the U.S. fell for the South African line. U.S. negotiators, over the objections of our western allies, proceeded to link the two issues of Cuban troops in Angola and South Africans in Namibia. Instead of keeping the heat under the South Africans to withdraw, we've been diverted to negotiating with a nervous Angolan government fearful of further South African attacks on its territory.

If the U.S. stuck to

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