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To Be Equal

Ronald Reagan's

President based on an

economic recovery at

home and peace abroad.

has a big edge if peace

and prosperity are on his

side. Never mind that

many millions of Ameri-

cans are poor and were

driven deeper into pov-

erty by the withdrawal of

government programs

that offered them op-

portunities. The pros-

perous majority was not

Under the circum-

stances, no Democrat

could have defeated the

President in 1984. But

Walter Mondale can be

proud of the campaign

he waged. He persisted

concerned with them.

An incumbent always



We are seeing more and more Blacks in our fair city who are either in the unemployment lines or are walking the streets looking for jobs. Perhaps our vision is a bit myopic when looking at the long lines of Blacks waiting to get into our employment offices, or perhaps a mini-recession is on the horizon.

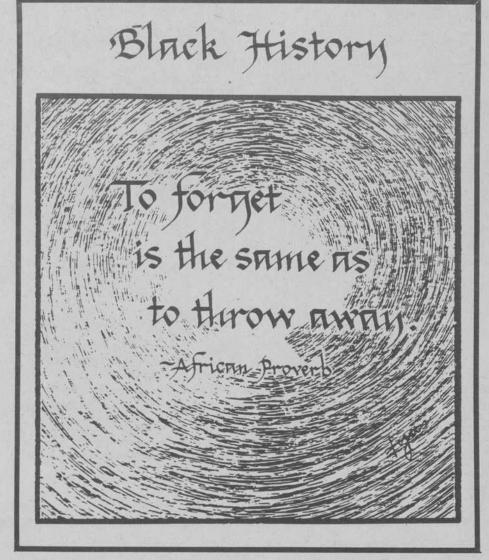
Many Americans preferred to believe that if we reelected the present administration for four more years, all would be well, and everyone would be back on the job again working at good wages.

Perhaps it is too early to tell, but Blacks generally have not seen the upturn in the economy that was so eloquently put by our president and his economic advisors. Blacks, in general, have not yet profited from any of the promises made four years ago or those made during this year.

Perhaps the overwhelming voter turnout this election year may be seen as a backlash to the Black voter-registration drive put on by the Rev. Jesse Jackson and other Black leaders. Our basic guestion now is will job placements in lower paying jobs be the result of the huge Black voter registration?

We need jobs, not welfare. Too many of our young Blacks have looked for jobs with no results. How long they will continue to search for jobs with decent wages is becoming an important question in the minds of concerned Black leaders. How long will it be before these young people lose their desire to work and end up in trouble with the law is an issue that must be faced immediately by every clear thinking American.

What will it be? A life of poverty or a life of contributions to American society?



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And he emerged from the campaign as a man of principled integrity who spoke out on behalf of the hungry, the homeless and the hurt. While



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the country turned a deaf ear to the issues he raised, the pendulum will swing back and I would expect that before too long the contradictions of widespread want in the midst of affluence will once again claim the nation's attention.

Blacks were not a part of the President's electoral majority-they cast nine out of ten of their votes for Mondale.

That should not be hard to understand. The past four years have been hard ones for black people, with erosion of civil rights enforcement. higher levels of poverty, lower real incomes, and increased suffering due to cutbacks in the safety net programs.

The black vote outcome suggests a major problem and a big opportunity.

The problem is the racial polarization revealed by voting patterns that show there is a need for cementing coalitions that cross racial lines. White bloc voting helped defeat some black candidates who had been expected to win, so even large black voter turnouts do not assure black victories. That suggests we

have to pay as much attention to building alliances as to registering voters. Coalition politics means compromises and tradeoffs. That also often results in lower levels of voter enthusiasm, but political reality suggests that closer attention to coalitionbuilding will be needed if blacks are to escape political isolation. Several alliance pos-

gests that the Republicans have an opening to broaden their base among blacks.

Republican rhetoric and attitudes that seem to range from outright hostility to bland indifference have turned off many blacks who might consider becoming Republicans.

Much will depend on what President Reagan does with his big win. If

his second term in-

take account of meeting

the needs of most

to break the Democratic

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sibilities present themselves. Hispanics and cludes new policies that Jews were the only other major groups that voted for Mondale, by a two to blacks, he could begin one margin. More has to be done to achieve close lock on the black vote. working relationships with labor and with moderate whites, especially

The black vote also suggests an opportunity for the Republicans to build a real two-party system in the black community. The defeat of the liberal wing of the Democratic Party sug-

major policy shifts. Using the power of the govin the South ernment to relieve poverty and to create oppor-

tunities would be essential. But also vital is a change in rhetoric-using what the President

has called "the bully pulpit" of the Oval Office to further racial equality. The views expressed on these editorial pages are those of

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LET'S CLEAN UP FOR SANTA

By H.P. "Fitz" Fitzgerald The time is rapidly approaching for those of us who reside or have businesses in West Las Vegas between West Lake Mead Blvd., North "H" Street, West Monroe Avenue, and North "D" Street to begin cleaning up our areas again for the 1984 arrival of dear Old Saint Nick on Dec. 15. Nedco, Inc., in cooperation with the Jackson Avenue Merchants Association will again sponsor their annual Christmas Parade.

The Westside Community Development Commission working with Nedco and the Jackson Avenue Merchants Association will

assist homeowners and businesses in this particular area with some clean up and painting. However, the Silver State Disposal Service will pick up all your bulk trash and debris on a weekly basis if it is stacked neatly near your regular garbage pick up area, at no cost to the residential property owner. So, let's all "pitch out" all trash, garbage, and debris between now and Dec. 14, and let's make our area neat, clean, and attractive for Jackson Avenue the Merchant Association's second annual Christmas Parade and the arrival of Santa Claus

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