## Your Wheel is Squeaking But Getting No Grease

By H.P. "Fitz." Fitzgerald

Your vote is the most powerful weapon against unemployment, poor education, poverty, lack of programs for the needy and the senior citizens, the handicapped, the drug addicted, and the homeless.

It takes money voted on by our local, state, and federal law-makers to solve these problems. And these individuals are put in office by the voting public. So, when we fail to vote, or vote in small numbers, then, we can't expect to have representation among our law-makers locally, on the state or on the federal level. So there's no one in the political arenas to hear our problems, much less solve

The small number of registered voters in our Black community who turned out during the September Primary Election is sad, to say the least. And yet, we constantly complain that we are being neglected by the so-called "System," when actually, we ignore ourselves and our needs by failing to vote.

During the recent Primary Election there were only 9,541 registered voters in Assembly Districts six and seven. Yet, only 3,801 actually turned out to vote, which takes only a few minutes.

The polling places for the Assembly Districts listed above are Dula Center, Hoggard School, Kelly School, Madison School, Jo Mackey School, and Jim Bridger School.

Reports from the Clark County Election Department dated September 10, 1986, show that the Madison's three precincts had the highest number of voters turn-out, while Jo Mackey with six precincts had the lowest percent voting during the Primary Election on September 2, 1986. Assembly District Six had a 43% voter turn-out and Assembly District Seven had a 30% turn-out.

Everything possible has been done to assist the more than 31,000 qualified voters in West Las Vegas to register and get out and vote during this election year. Specialists from all over the nation have been brought in to assist with voter registration and get out the vote.

A Voter Contact Office has been established in the heart of West Las Vegas at North F and Jackson Avenue, for the convenience of the area residents. This office is still open, and you are free to visit it any time, Monday through Saturday.

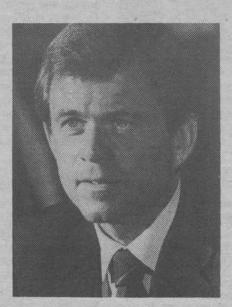
There is an old saying that "The squeaking wheel gets the grease." If we fail to vote and get our candidates in office, there's no one to hear our squeaking wheels, much less grease them.

If you are a registered voter and don't know where you vote, you may call the Clark County Election Department at 386-4055.

The Political eyes of the entire Nation are watching the Black vote on November The West Las Vegas Blacks hold the key to increasing the number of Democrats in the U.S. Senate this year. And 98% of us Blacks are Democrats. Let's show the entire U.S.A. that the Blacks in Las Vegas are united and have strength and power. Let's use this strength at the ballot box on November 4th this year. The polls are open from 7 a.m. until 7 p.m.

Please "VOTE."

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