

Point of View

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TO BE EQUAL

KEEP THE ECONOMY GROWING

By John E. Jacob

Like many Americans, I've been puzzled by recent economic actions.

Modest economic growth has been encouraging, but it's been too slow to provide jobs for all who want to work. Meanwhile, the financial markets are falling and the Federal Reserve is jacking up interest rates to slow down an inflation no one else can find.

What's going on here?

Maybe, say the experts, just maybe, there may be some inflationary stirrings somewhere down the line.

Is that any reason to slam the brakes on a slow-growing economy?

The incredible thing to me is the way financial markets and pundits say that good news is bad news.

An example of that Alice in Wonderland kind of thinking

comes whenever the monthly employment figures show a gain.

Most people would say that's good, since it means people are finding jobs and will be better able to support their families. But the experts say it's bad, that we need high unemployment to ensure stable prices.

That sort of upside-down thinking can drive us right back into recession. It's also wrong.

It's based on the idea that

low unemployment means employers have to raise wages to get the workers they need. More people working means more goods being bought, so production bumps up against capacity and business raises prices. In the end, they say, prices leap ahead and we'll be caught in an inflationary spiral like the devastating one in the early 1980's.

But the link between full

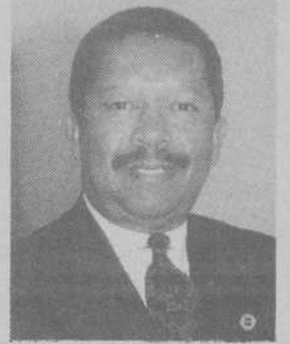
employment and inflation is a figment of economist's imaginations. They start talking inflation when the jobless rate approaches six percent.

But how can that be full employment when there are still eight and a half million people out of work, and another five and a half million have either given up searching for jobs or work part-time when they want full-time work.

Six percent is an arbitrary figure pulled out of a hat—it has no meaning in the real world. Just a decade ago, full employment was defined as four percent and even that was too high.

With an army of unemployed people who still can't find jobs,

employment and inflation is a



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where's the job glut those economists are worried about?

Meanwhile productivity is rising very quickly. Common sense says that if productivity rises faster than wages and employment, producers won't strain capacity.

Even if they do, foreign competition keeps prices. If a domestic plant is producing at 100 percent capacity, it's owners pick up the slack by producing more in their foreign plants and import the goods.

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NATIONAL ALLIANCE AGAINST RACIST & POLITICAL REPRESSION

"FARRAKHAN"

By James S. Tate, Jr., M.D.,
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The Minister Louis Farrakhan has come to Las Vegas and has left. From what I can see the city is still standing, it has not been washed into the sea. Stupak's Tower hasn't fallen. The criminal activity that has been going on by the Metropolitan Police Department continues unabated. Those who were cowards are still cowards. In essence, not much has changed except for a couple of things; 1) History will record that Louis Farrakhan did appear here in Las Vegas on June 4, 1994. 2) History will recount that Louis Farrakhan called for the first mass political activity on the part of the Nation of Islam in its history. He has called for a march of 1 million black men on Washington, D.C. at a time to be announced. 3) He thought enough of the people of this city, who had the courage to come out and see and hear him for themselves to promise to come back to Las Vegas. Note: For all of those who were not there, we should remember for their cowardice, we should remember for their lack of honor, we should remember for their all too eagerness to do the bidding of the beast.

You may remember a story that appeared in the Repressive Journal on June 4, 1994. There was a story that supposedly recounted a meeting that took place between certain individuals i.e. leaders or whatever you wish to call them and Louis Farrakhan at the Victory Baptist Church. In reading that article and having been one of the people, who attended the meet-

ing, (but by no means classifying myself as a leader) one had to wonder if Farrakhan had had two meetings that day. For surely what was reported was not what happened at the meeting that I attended: Indeed, Farrakhan came, he spoke very eloquently. People sat there and listened to his entire presentation and only left during the question and answer period because even though the event was to have started at 2:00 p.m. it did not start until 2:45 p.m. and clearly people were late. So they had to leave. This is not anything mysterious or difficult to understand. What for me is difficult to understand is who was the brain dead lackey, who went running out to Massah's reporter and told Massah exactly what Massah wanted to hear. I frankly never heard of the cretin, but whoever he is he should be exiled from the community. He is a nonperson. He does not exist. Let him then go and live in the house of Massah, since that is who he has now thrown his lot in with.

Now to the matters that were mentioned on the fourth of June: 1) The National Conference of Christians and Jews. 2) Steve Wynn and the Mirage. 3) The Thomas & Mack Center and UNLV. I believe that in addition to what I said on Saturday night that 1) The National Conference of Christians and Jews must be now considered a piranha organization and totally outlawed, ostracized, and that African organizations nor Latino organizations should have anything to do with them. They should have to, as mentioned, publicly confess their crimes,

apologize publicly for their crimes and contribute the \$100,000.00 mentioned to the Nation of Islam. Not as blood money, but as an indication that they are serious about getting on with the process of their rehabilitation. 2) As for Mr. Wynn and his casino properties, the Mirage, Treasure Island and the Golden Nugget, the only Africans that should appear at those locations are those who work there and they should be very earnestly looking for another place of work. The boycott should extend to all fraternal organizations, to all African organizations such as Masons, Elks, professional societies, etc. No one of color should use those facilities. He should also, as mentioned, be required to publicly confess his crimes and publicly apologize for his crimes and contribute \$1,000,000.00 to the National of Islam and within the next 2 years provide for bringing the Minister Louis Farrakhan back to Las Vegas at his own expense. 3) The Thomas & Mack and UNLV. UNLV is a public university: that is it gets funds from the people not just Europeans but Africans also who pay taxes to keep that questionable place of higher learning open.

We will not discuss the issue of whether a basketball coach can fire a college president. That is a whole separate subject. For now we will confine our discussion to the Thomas & Mack Center. There should be no African who sets foot in the Thomas & Mack Center again until there is a public apology on the part of UNLV, a refund of all the monies paid by the Nation of Islam for the use of that facility



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and an agreement that the Nation of Islam may use that facility at anytime for the next 24 months free of charge. Why? Because the University buckled to the pressure put on them by the National Conference of Christians and Jews.

They wanted to try to block the appearance of Louis Farrakhan at a public university, an institution that is charged with the responsibility of hearing all sides of an issue and not making judgments prior to hearing what an individual has to say. That means brothers and sisters that the next time the "Running Rebels" (who by the way are named after rebels of the Confederacy and whose team mascot is a Confederate soldier) play, you should not be there; if you are, you are a traitor. You are a tumcoat and deserve the fate of any traitor. These are very modest proposals. Indeed there are others I am sure that will come forward within the next few weeks. All of these people should be given serious consideration for there has to be a price paid for treachery. It is time for the National Conference and Jews, Steve Wynn and his properties and UNLV to pay the price. La Lucha Continua!

The Struggle Continues!

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

MINORITY RECRUITMENT: IT'S FUNDAMENTAL

For the record, I feel compelled to respond to Assemblyman Wendell William's column which appeared in the May 26, 1994 issue in which he stated "Recently there was a major job fair at Southern University, the largest African-American university in the U.S. However, our recruiters showed up the day after it was over. When attempts were made to inquire about this mix-up, the director of recruitment was out recruiting in Honolulu, Hawaii. Maybe some of that could have bought a few books at Matt Kelly School."

Had the assemblyman, an African-American male, taken the time or had the professional courtesy to contact me, the Director of Recruitment and an African-American female, to

inquire about this particular issue, I would have used the opportunity to inform him that over the past five years I have been instrumental in recruiting over 300 African-American teachers to the Clark County School District. I doubt seriously whether any other educational institution in this country can make a similar claim. I would also have informed the assemblyman that our school district has been honored on several occasions by several national African-American publications for the outstanding success we have achieved in the recruitment and hiring of African-American educators. As Director of Recruitment, I take particular pride in the important role I have played in developing strategies to attract the nation's best teachers (See Letter to Editor, Page 4)

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