

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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 new schools that you are still paying for, why can't we demand that they build three story schools. All over the U.S.A. they have more than one story schools. Don't let someone get rich off the land. Demand that they build up or out! Vote double

no! no! on the school bond. Go to the polls and vote double no no.

Believe me,
 Marzette Lewis
 NO! NO! NO!

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Dear Editor:
 After reading Wendell

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movement or whether they will need to move on to other activities. Disagreements are always going to occur any time you have more than one person involved in anything. However, disagreements must be tempered with the dedication to making sure that the whole becomes stronger after the disagreements, and even if there is a situation where one can not completely resolve the disagreements, a united front is presented when dealing with the adversary.

Indeed the adversary will never change either in it's philosophical position nor it's manner of destroying movements and organizations. We therefore have to be much more sophisticated about how we function as organizations and understand that as long as an organization is functioning and being effective, that there will be the constant attempt at it's destruction and disruption. While there have been the same attempts made with Unity in the Community, as well as the National Alliance Against Racist and Political Repression, the organizations have survived it and will continue to grow and continue to get stronger.

The most important principle is not to be overly suspicious of anyone, especially those who have disagreements and those who have debatable items, but to look at the effect of the individuals action and make the decision in terms of where the individual will function based on that. For example, if an individual has problems or disagreements with the way a particular topic or point is being dealt with, it should be brought up within the meetings as a point of contention and dealt with in that regard. It should not be allowed to disrupt the harmony of the group. We must be sophisticated enough to know that the beast will use all means necessary to destroy us. It has proven that in the past. We, on the other hand, know what the beast's methods are and therefore there can be no excuse for us falling victim to activity of the beast, for we know the beast all too well. La Lucha Continua! The Struggle Continues!

Williams' article in the October 6 issue of the Sentinel I can only say finally some light is being shown on the subject of the problems in Public Housing.

And the West Las Vegas area should be far more interested in the conditions of these complexes because it is a blight on the community when 75% of the rental housing is owned and operated by a Public Housing entity who are not doing their jobs. The Public Housing Developments have become stomping grounds for illicit activities instead of affordable by housing for low income and fixed income residents. The upkeep on these developments is very poor. If you have walked

through any of them or taken the time to look them over when you are in the neighborhood. Conditions like this should not exist in rich, luxurious Las Vegas.

Mr. Wendell's bill that would make it mandatory for residents to sit on the housing board would surely make our hard work worthwhile. This has been long needed. The board clearly reflects the businessmen and politicians of the time but what about the actual residents, the ones who live in these projects, why can't we have one of them on the board.

Nextly, there was no input from the residents on the selection of the Corrective Action Oversight Committee who

directly effect the discrimination process of reimbursing the residents. The residents have not been reimbursed properly from any of the lawsuits that were filed against housing even with a new administration in place. Housing needs a complete cleansing. If you can't live in housing you shouldn't be working in housing.

Sincerely,
 Patricia Brown, President
 Unified Tenants Assoc.

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Dear Editor:
 As you are aware of the GATT agreement is a very important issue, that Black people should be aware of. Blacks are preoccupied with jobs for the

inner city, education, The Freedom Fund Banquet. All the businesses are moving out of this country. The reason given is that they are on a world market. It's so much money they can make by moving out of this country. Right now the government is cutting back on employment. The number of people working is declining. The base for taxes will eventually dwindle down to nothing. No money for education, social security. The worst depression ever. Now blacks are not on farms like they were during the last depression. Blacks are on the allusion that, if we just get educated, get a job, we will be *(See Letters to Editor, Page 29)*

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educational issues affecting African-Americans and Hispanics. The school board also approved a new position to recruit and hire more African-American and Hispanic teachers.

The newly formed committee will begin soon to resolve issues addressed by Unity in the Community.

At the same meeting, the school board came just one vote shy of approving new West Las Vegas schools. The vote was 3-3, with one abstention. One of the group's demands is for the construction of two new elementary schools, a middle school and a high school on the Westside.

Despite the failure of the new

schools proposal, West Las Vegas will still be considered for new schools under a formula being developed that will be used to determine where new schools will be built with 1994 school bond funds.

The possibility also exists that if new schools are not built within West Las Vegas, they will be built nearby.

While the question of building new schools in West Las Vegas remains unanswered for now, improvements to older schools are guaranteed with passage of the bond issue.

There are 111 schools in the Clark County School District that were built before 1986. Forty percent of bond issue funds will be used to remodel older schools and bring them up to new school

standards.

All nine elementaries located in West Las Vegas fit into that category and will have 100 percent of their remodeling needs met if both parts of the bond issue are approved. If the total bond issue passes, Westside schools will get \$10.7 million in improvements, including extensive refurbishing (computers, classroom remodeling, new heating and air conditioning systems, rest room renovation) and a host of other facility upgrades.

These improvements are scheduled to be made if both parts of the bond issue pass. In the event only part A passes, or, if both parts fail, there is no guarantee on what improvements, if any, West Las

Vegas schools will get.

In the heat of the moment, untrue statements have been made about how 1988 school bond money was spent. For the record, 94 percent of the square footage and 85 percent of the seats promised in the 1988 school bond program were delivered. In spite of unexpected challenges, which included a sometimes hostile bidding climate, competition with nondistrict construction projects, and increased federal compliance standards, the 1988 school bond program was managed efficiently.

An independent Bond Oversight Committee advises the school board on every aspect of our bond issue. The 19- *(See Commentary, Page 28)*

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