

Administrator

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He will be the only person with authority and his power is complete, said Rivers.

His duties include the following:

1. He will assume overall responsibility for the operation of the

Branch, its committees and staff, if any.

2. He is responsible for assuring that the Executive Committee meets and carries out its responsibilities, subject to final approval by the him.

3. He assures that all standing and special committees carry out their duties and responsibilities by meeting and acting on all matters presented to them, and reporting to the executive committee and general membership at least once a month.

4. He assures that news media and the public are informed of activities and programs of the Branch.

5. He is responsible for assuring that the programs of the Branch are carried out in accordance with NAACP policy and procedure.

6. He is responsible for assuring that the financial affairs of the Branch are carried out in accordance with NAACP policy and procedure.

7. He would be responsible for assuring that the Branch has a plan for the purpose of paying off debt to the National Office, however, the Branch has no debt to the National Office.

8. He has the final word on any all expenditures from the Branch Treasury as approved by the Executive Committee.

9. He has the final authority on any and all local policy matters voted by the general membership of the Branch.

10. He supervises the Branch's membership campaign.

11. He supervises the Branch's fundraising efforts.

12. He reports to the National Office and National Board of Directors on a periodic basis as to the progress the Branch is making.

13. He has authority to delegate duties and tasks as appropriate.

14. Other duties, responsibilities and authority may be assigned to him by the National Board of Directors.

The national office will not tolerate anything less than complete adherence to the group's constitution and by-laws contained in the "White Book," Rivers said.

Several lengthy training sessions for the general membership and the reorganization committee will be held to make everyone knowledgeable about the rules set forth the White Book, he said.

Although the appointment of an administrator is not outlined in the White Book, it is the policy developed by NAACP through the study of its 92 years of meeting minutes. It is policy that has been tested in the courts, Rivers said.

"The Las Vegas Branch of the NAACP will be a good Branch or it will not be a Branch. The Charter is given by the board and the Charter can be taken away by the board," he said.

"When a Branch has problems, it is usually time to revive, rebuild or remove the leadership. Las Vegas needs all three, he said."

There will be no animosity, no fighting, he said. "There will be a unified effort by all members to fight racism, discrimination and the injustice that leads us back

to slavery." On a lighter note he told the group that he has seen and heard it all.

"I've seen it all, the good, the bad and the ugly. We're going to work with good," he said.

"We (the national office and board) are not turning our back on the 1,000 people who have paid their dues," he said, "We can't penalize the 1,000 for the work of the leadership," he said.

He described the behavior and conduct of past leadership as "egregious" and "bad

enough" to warrant suspension.

He also warned than anyone who participated in taking the Branch "down the slippery slope," need not apply to be on the reorganization committee.

"We won't regurgitate the past, we are not going back," he said.

Humphrey will decide who takes part in the reorganization committee. Reorganization committee members must be committed general members of the NAACP.

Respect will be the byline

and by word, Rivers said.

An election will take place when Humphrey believes the Branch is ready for it. The general membership is expected to hold the elected officials accountable, he said.

Humphrey could be in charge of the situation for years or months. It depends on well and how fast the Branch is rebuilt.

"It's tough duty for the administrator. Believe me, he will want it to end," he said.

Complaints, however, have already started.

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Panthers

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Describing the kind of publicity Las Vegas presently enjoys — "how great (and) prosperous it is, how happy the residents are," he mused sarcastically — Current stopped. Drawing a sharp contrast, he said, "Well, they're getting ready to see another side of Las Vegas that they don't hear about."

Telling the media, "We have no intention of giving this community up," Current stated emphatically: "We will rebuild this community, and we're willing to die rather than to give it up."

"We have a time window here," Current said, "from this date until July 15 to have the money in place. The governor, the mayor, (city councilman) Larry Weekly and myself need to sign off on an agreement that this money is there."

Although Finn, speaking for Guinn, said: "the governor is receptive to sitting

"Why doesn't he do it July fourth, why wait?"

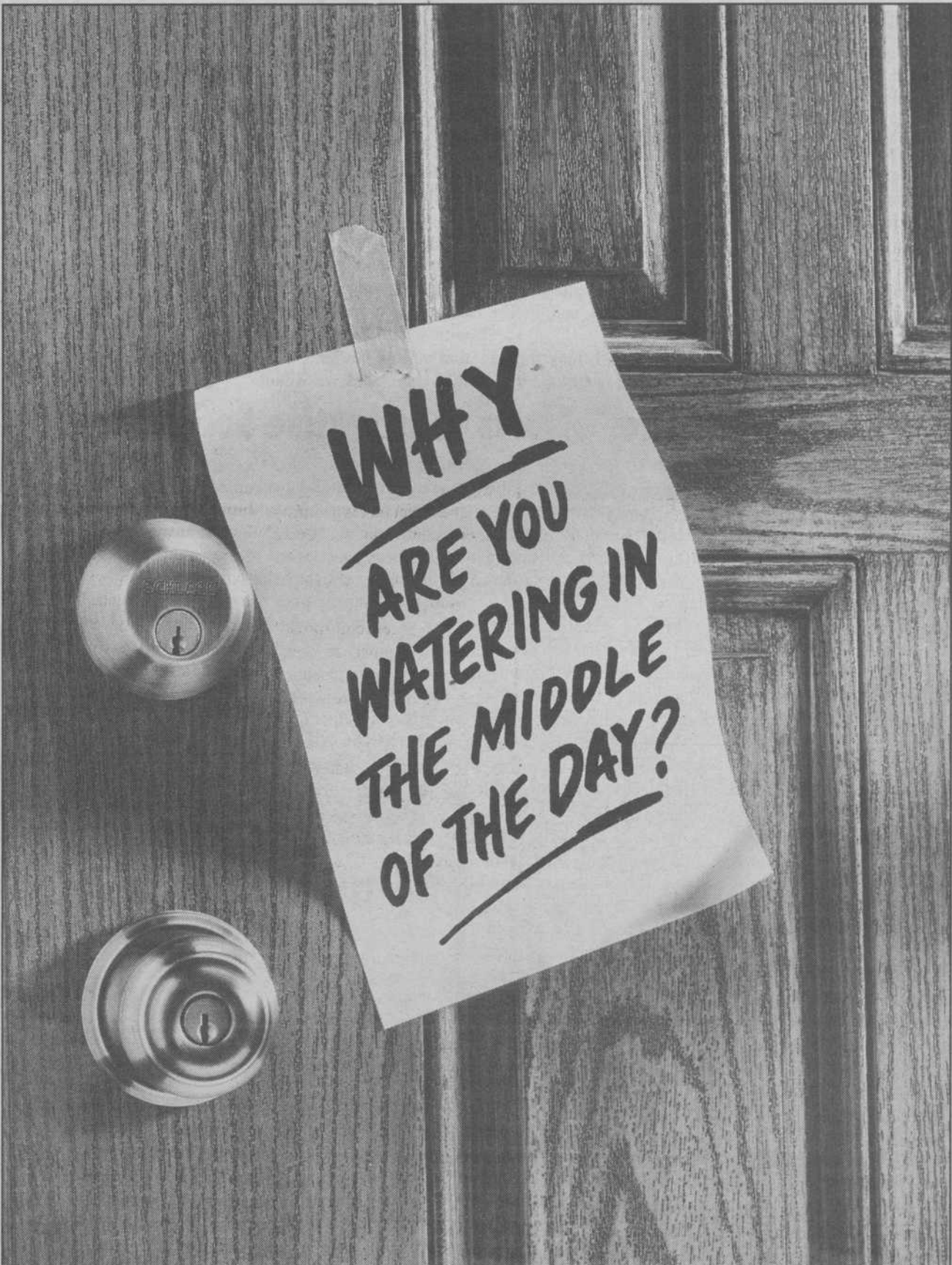
—Las Vegas Mayor Oscar Goodman

down with Mr. Current," he added, "but I don't know if his schedule will accommodate a July fifteenth deadline."

"If the governor's office wants to call a conference, and I'm invited," said Goodman, "I'll participate."

Said Current: "At this point, the only thing we're working on is the march, itself." He declared that the protest will be canceled only "if they come up with the six million (and) we have the two-day social service conference within that window."

He repeated the mid-July point-of-no-return. "After the fifteenth," said Current, "it's over."



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