

Kerrey shows his support in the west



by Natalie Lutz

Just one week before the March 8 caucuses, Sen. Bob Kerrey of Nebraska decided to visit Las Vegas on Sunday. He spoke before a crowd of 500 at the Culinary Local 226 union hall shortly after 3 p.m., and then stopped off at the West Las Vegas Library before he left Las Vegas.

"I don't believe the Democratic party can capture the White House unless we can capture the West," Kerrey said

about his visit to Nevada.

Locally, Kerrey has the support of Sens. Harry Reid and Richard Bryan, Rep. Jim Bilbray, Mayor Jan Laverty-Jones and the local AFL-CIO labor unions.

"I respect, and at times envy, the moral courage that he has," said Reid. "He was a great governor for the state of Nebraska, he was a successful businessman, he's been an outstanding United States senator, and he will be the best president we've ever had."

Kerrey received strong support from union members and veterans when he explained how he was going to find jobs for the American people and make the future better for their children.

"I am concerned about what our country will look like in the year 2000," Kerrey said. "There

are times when you have to fight for what's right. If your heart tells you its right, you ought to get up and fight.

"I am running for the president of United States because the American people are in trouble. People in record numbers are concerned that this will be the year they lose their jobs.

In response to the growing health care fears, Kerrey said, "I intend to shake the federal government to its foundation and end the growing uncertainty that far too many Americans have about whether there is going to be health care today and tomorrow."

Kerrey's comprehensive health care plan, Health USA, will control costs and guarantee coverage for all Americans, young and old, employed or jobless. "If you lose your job, you

don't lose your health care."

"We know it's not going to be George Bush that is going to bring us answers to this. The man who brought us voodoo economics in 1988, is the witch doctor of American health care. Dr. Bush has asked us to sit in his waiting room for the last 11 years, waiting for change, and he's done nothing. I say in 1992, 'Dr. Bush, you're guilty of malpractice and this year we're going to revoke your license to practice.'"

Kerrey said that he understands that women are the hardest hit by the shortcomings in health care. He proposes to stop inequalities in the workplace and help with affordable child care.

Energy conservation and preservation are other concerns

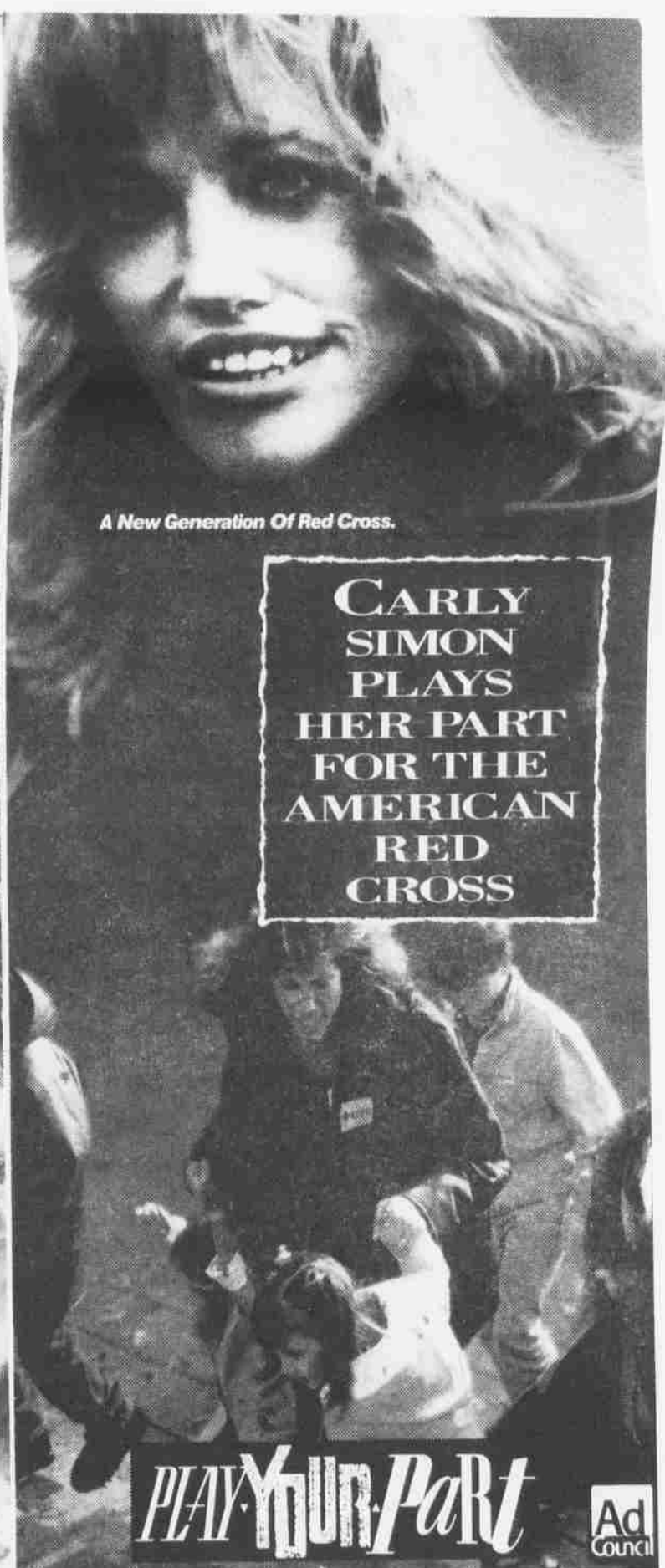
high on Kerrey's list. "I want to show America that we can create jobs by preserving energy. Not only will it be good for our economy, but will allow us in the year 2000 to say, confidently, that we have just fought our last war for cheap oil."

On the issue of whether nuclear waste should be stored at Yucca Mountain, Kerrey said during a press conference after the union rally, he thought that the state of Nevada should get all the information that is out there and have an open discussion of high level nuclear waste. "The decision was literally rammed down the throats of Nevadans."

Kerrey received the Congressional Medal of Honor in 1969 for his service in the Vietnam war.



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