

Speaking for Joe Fan

By A. SPECTATOR

"WINNING ISN'T EVERYTHING." This oft-quoted remark never has endeared itself into the hearts of sports coaches the world over.

After all, the name of the game, whatever the game may be, is winning. A team doesn't play to play well, it plays to win. Moral victories and such have no place in the minds of team type sports. We preface all of this to bring to mind a particular recent case in point.

Last Wednesday the UNLV Rebels played the Univ. of South Carolina in a contest which filled the Convention Center for only the second time since basketball has been played there. After staying relatively close to the "pro-type" machine for the first half, in large part due to Booker Washington's superb shooting and floor generalship, the locals began finding themselves slipping out of the ballgame. A spirited rally with the help of 6300 screaming partisans brought the Rebs even with the Gamecocks with two minutes left in the contest. You all know the rest of the story; the visitors refused to get rattled even though playing 3,000 miles from home, playing in a gym they had never seen before, and playing in a game officiated by two referees who were not of their own choosing but were from the WCAC of all places. All of this seems to point out that they were the superior team and would have won the game anyway.

In the words of one visitor, "Everyone should be happy, the bettors (local) won, the team won a moral victory, our team won the game, and the school made money." All of this may be true, but did we win a moral victory in the eyes of our coaches? In retrospect, it has become naggingly clear that this was our game to win altogether. After all, the southerners lost to Houston by 10 points after they left town, partly because of the emotion-filled contest here no doubt.

The Rebs had several chances to win the game had they executed according to their skills. For instance, they shot only 13 of 22 free throw attempts. The visitors contacted with 28 of 37! They actually made 6 more than we attempted. This may not have been the best officiated game ever seen locally but the Rebs still could have pulled it out in spite of, not because of, the refereeing. In years past we had gained an unsavory reputation as a place not to bring a team if one was looking for a win. But now that the U. is playing in the major colleges, their refereeing has to be major league. We'd like to think the Rebs can win here without the officials help and last week's "moral victory" should have been the case in point. Amen

Booker Washington's name has been submitted to the committee selecting the players

COUNTY DEMOCRATS NIX RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF ISRAELI,

MIDEAST PEACE

By JACK TELL

The Clark County Democratic Convention refused to adopt a resolution in support of Israel and Mideast peace.

The resolution, if adopted would have been presented to the state convention as part of the party platform.

In turning down the Israeli resolution, the majority of delegates who attended showed their hypocrisy in almost total support of Sen. Muskie for President. Sen. Muskie has been most outspoken in favor of full American support for Israel, the only Democracy in the Middle East.

No word of encouragement to adopt the resolution was offered by Assemblyman Eileen Brookman, a Jewish leader in our community, who was most emphatic at the microphone in debate on several other resolutions.

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Ex-U.S. attorney announces candidacy for new judgeship



John W. Bonner

Former U.S. Attorney John W. Bonner, 67, has announced his candidacy for the newly created district judgeship, Department 10.

Bonner said the position will be open July 1, 1972, and that he will file for it on that date.

Presently serving as alternate municipal judge for the City of Las Vegas, Bonner lives at 609 Mayfield St. He was appointed a United States Attorney for Nevada by President John F. Kennedy, serving four years. He resigned in 1966 to return to private law practice.

He has also served four years as Special Assistant Attorney General for the Colorado River Commission and was elected and re-elected District Attorney of White Pine County.

for the Senior's All-Star game here in April. South Carolina's Frank McGuire was very impressed with our star guard as was Hank Iba of the U.S. Olympic coaching staff in recent games here. JIM BAKER and the UNLV frosh are playing better every game. Big center DAN CUNNINGHAM looks leaner and meaner each time out. This boy may be ready for a starting berth next season as the Rebs are slowly converting their "game plan" from that of a run and shoot-type club, to that of a "muscle" defense and finesse offense type of club. We still don't seem to have the offensive plays necessary to win or the ballplayers simply aren't executing the coach's plans properly, but look for big changes next year as John Bayer's first recruiting club becomes sophomores.

Ex-Portland and UNLV coach ROLLAND TODD was back in town for the Seattle loss Saturday night. The modly-dappered Todd feels that Las Vegas hasn't the population to support a pro team at this time, much less the facilities. However, the Boosters and others, are working on plans for a fieldhouse suitable for 14,000 or so by 1977. This should really attract a pro franchise not to mention NCAA tournaments, 8 team Holiday Classics, All-Star games, and perhaps even a post-season tournament in the future.

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