

Political Hopefuls

HECHT RUNS FOR JP POST



IRA

Ira H. Hecht, 36, of Las Vegas, has announced his candidacy for Justice of the Peace, Dept. 4,

the seat being vacated by Judge Miriam Shearing.

Hecht, a practicing attorney for 11 years, has been a Las Vegas resident since 1968. Prior to resuming full-time legal practice, he was employed as a psychologist at the Las Vegas Mental Health Center. He has also served as a deputy district attorney for Clark County. Hecht states that his training in both law and psychology has given him "both the experience and the necessary expertise

to accept the challenge and responsibility of the judicial office" that he seeks. The candidate contends that it is essential for a judge to have both the ability to understand complex legal issues and the motivations of human behavior to properly function on the bench.

When filing for the post on July 11th, Hecht made several proposals he feels would greatly improve the administration of the Justice Court. Specifically, he wants to institute an extension of the one evening per week traffic court now held by Judge McGroarty. While that court hears trials only, Hecht wants at least one additional evening per week devoted to hearing all traffic citations so that no citizen will be required to lose time from work during the day-time hours for any traffic court appearance. Additionally, Hecht proposed that one judge per week examine all new non-felony arrests at 9:00 p.m. nightly to determine whether bail reductions are in order. This system would allow citizens arrested on minor charges to have their bail set at affordable sums so that they can obtain their conditional release from custody at a reasonable hour.

The candidate is married to Debbie Hecht, an instructor at Clark County Community College. They have one son, Joel.

BOB PRICE SEEKS 4TH TERM

Assemblyman Bob Price, chairman of the Taxation Committee, has filed for reelection to his fourth term representing District 17.

The North Las Vegas Democrat chaired the powerful Taxation Committee during the 1979 legislative

session. The committee helped develop the tax slashing package which returned \$245 million - a full one-third of Nevada's two-year state budget -- to the people in the form of tax reductions.

Price, who was first elected in 1974, said one of his legislative priorities will be legislation authorizing the compensation of victims of crime. He has sponsored such legislation during the last two sessions. The Price proposal would place an additional fine on any person convicted of a gross misdemeanor or felony, with the money earmarked for a fund to help compensate crime victims.

Price, 44, has served on the Judiciary, Commerce, Agriculture and Environment and Public Resources Committees during his three terms in the legislature, besides chairing the Taxation Committee.

He presently is serving as chairman of the interim legislative committee studying automobile insurance rates and company rating practices.

Price was appointed by Gov. Bob List to the Governor's Committee on State Gaming Policy. He also serves on the State Health Coordinating Council, a position to which he was appointed by former Gov. Mike O'Callaghan. He was appointed by Assembly Speaker Paul May to the Multi-State

Tax Commission.

Price and his wife, Brenda, a member of the North Las Vegas City Council live at 1809 Renada Circle. They have four children.

Assembly District 17 encompasses the northern portion of North Las Vegas and extends to Nellis Air Force Base.

J.P. WHITE SEEKS ELECTION



EARLE

Justice of the Peace Earle W. White, Jr. announced that he will seek election to the Department Five seat he currently holds.

White, 47, a Las Vegas attorney since 1964, was appointed to the bench by the Clark County Commission in June to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Al Becker.

A native of New York City, White has served as a Clark County Deputy Public Defender, Legal Advisor and Special Appeals Officer of the Nevada Industrial Commission, alternate referee for the Juvenile Department of the Eighth District Court and coroner's inquest hearing officer.

A graduate of Harper College and Howard University School of Law, White served as legal assistant and attorney for the

U.S. Housing and Home Finance Agency (now the Department of Housing and Urban Development) in Washington, D. C. in 1963 and 1964.

As a magna cum laude graduate of Howard, White served as editor-in-chief of the Howard Law Journal, was captain of the National Moot Court Team, was recipient for a

research fellowship and full tuition scholarship and won 10 Bancroft-Whitney prizes in various segment of law education.

A U.S. Army veteran, White taught school and was a recreation leader in Honolulu after his discharge and before returning to the mainland to pursue his legal education.

White is married and is the father of two sons.

TEL AVIV (WNS) -- The World Council of Yiddish ended its second annual conference here with an announcement by Jewish Agency Treasurer Akiva Levinsky that the World Zionist Organization and the Jewish Agency will seek to assist the Yiddish and Jewish press.

JERUSALEM (WNS) -- Kach movement leader Meir Kahane and one of his aides, Baruch Green, have been placed under administrative arrest, the first Jews to be so arrested under emergency regulations originally applied in Mandatory times.

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