

Willie Bryant Noted DJ, Writer, Star—DEAD

Baring No More, After '64

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Meet Miss Johnson — Dorothy Johnson, lovely daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Tillman Johnson, 1740 Nelson Ave., is 16 years old and a junior at Las Vegas High School. Her hobbies - singing and sewing. She plans to become a Secretary upon completion of her schooling.

L. B. Johnson Holds News Conference

President Lyndon B. Johnson was interviewed by the Negro Press last week.

In an unprecedented Cabinet Room conference that lasted an hour and twenty minutes, the Chief Executive asked to be judged on his record and not the place of his birth. "I helped to formulate the policies of the Kennedy Administration," he said, "civil rights included. I am committed to the achieving of those policies. These goals, he continued, will be expanded until equal opportunity, equal treatment and equal justice are the prevailing codes of this nation."

The President lauded the role of the Negro press as an "instrument of education and an organ of protest against injustice." President Johnson told the Negro Publishers that he would have no hesitancy in appointing a Negro to the Cabinet, the Supreme Court or as an Ambassador. "The president asked them to be thinking in terms of an Ambassador-at large to Africa.



Senator Cannon urges Civil Rights Action — U.S. Senator Howard W. Cannon introduces Secretary of Agriculture Orville Freeman at recent Las Vegas convention of Young Democrats Clubs of America. The Nevada Senator

urged prompt action on the administration's civil rights bill and predicted that it would be considered this week or next. Senator Cannon made a speaking trip through the state last week.

NAACP BULLETIN . . .

C. R. James, Training Officer for the U.S. Dept. of Labor of Apprenticeship Division will be in Las Vegas, February 10th thru 17th. Mr. James will speak at the NAACP Labor and Industry Committee meeting, 8:00 P.M., Kit Carson School, Thursday, February 13th. He will conduct screening and processing of interested Apprentices and speak before the NAACP Education Committee Quorum before the Youth Chapter, Sunday, February 16th at Matt Kelly School.

HANK GREENSPAN

Hank Greenspan, publisher of the Las Vegas Sun Newspaper, spoke before the general membership of the local NAACP branch, at Kit Carson school, Sunday afternoon, February 9, 1964. Mr. Greenspan's topic was Human Relations in America.

The Sun editor - publisher pointed out the gains that had been made in Human Relations during his lifetime, but emphasized the vast need for more gains. Hank stated that "one of the most important steps in Civil Rights movement in America lies in the consciences of both the majority, as well as the minority, that prejudice is no longer a status symbol." Mr. Greenspan pointed out that the conscience of white America was awakened by the death of the four colored girls in the Birmingham church bombing. "The death of

those four girls was something that everyone could understand, and it made all people aware of what race prejudice is like in the South."

Mr. Greenspan, after expressing great concern of America's decaying cities, brought about by the population shift from rural to urban living, stated that, "... our cities have become spawning grounds for deprivation, and social conflict." He explained that most of the people, now living in our metropolitan areas, are lacking in the necessary skills and education required for meeting the competition of city life.

"We must not only continue to make progress in Human Relations, but we must plan now to remedy future problems in this area, by proper indoctrination of our children," Hank said.

The Sun publisher-editor closed his talk with

FRONT PAGE NEWS ROUND-UP

More than 20 Russian men and women, most of whom are Jews, face possible death penalties, if convicted in the mass trials underway in Moscow. The defendants are charged with conspiracy to defraud the government of millions in their operation of illegal shops and factories. Strong suggestions of anti-Semitism have been leaking through the iron curtain . . . In Los Angeles five members of the American Nazi Party have been convicted of felonious assault, and conspiracy to riot charges which were placed against them in April 1963, when they attempted to disrupt the "Salute to Israel" celebration at the Los Angeles Shrine Hall. Their sentences ranged from one year, up to ten years . . . At Jackson, Mississippi a mistrial was declared in the murder trial of Byron De La Beckwith, who was charged with the ambush slaying of NAACP official Medgar Evers. Judge Leon Hendrick remanded Beckwith back into the custody of the sheriff to await retrial.

the statement that, "Hate knows no color lines, and has no bounds." He related the story of a 7 year old white child who, upon her return home, after her first day in an integrated school in Atlanta, said to her mother, "Mommy, a little colored

girl, who sat next to me, was just as frightened as I was - so, we sat holding hands all day, because we were so afraid of what might happen." The speaker closed with, "Holding hands is the solution to that. It must begin with our children."

WILLIE BRYANT DEAD

Willie Bryant, famous comedian-MC, international disc jockey, writer, and former Mayor of Harlem, was found dead in his Hollywood apartment by his former show business partner, Leonard Reid, last Sunday afternoon.

William Steven Bryant, known to millions as, "Willie" was in the process of packing his effects, in preparation for moving to Las Vegas, where he was to begin a new career, as editor of the Las Vegas Voice, when he was felled by a fatal coronary attack.

The morning of the day of his death Willie wrote his last story, "Jack of All Trades" exclusively for this publication. "Willie's Last Story" will be published in the Voice in our next issue. The irony of this story is that it is a sketch of Leonard Reid, his 'forty year man' who was the first to find his lifeless body. A Special Delivery postman delivered Willie's last story to the Voice publisher, Dr. Charles I. West, only an hour before Leonard Reid called the Voice with the shocking news of Willie Bryant's death.

The Voice is commissioning Leonard Reid to write the life story of Willie Bryant expressly for its readers. Please watch this paper for announcements of "THE WILLIE BRYANT STORY." The Las Vegas Voice wants the world to know of this wonderful, talented man.