

# NAACP BACKS BONDS

## NOMINATE KING FOR NOBEL PEACE PRIZE

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### ALLOT CENTER FUNDS

HOPES for the early construction of a community educational, health and welfare center in West Las Vegas have brightened with announcement that the government has granted \$30,024 to finance planning for such a project as part of a "slum reversal" program.

Allotment of the funds was made by the U. S. Department of Health and Welfare following a series of meetings between Sen. Alan Bible, Elaine Walbroeck, Reno, executive secretary of the Nevada Tuberculosis and Health Association, and department officials.

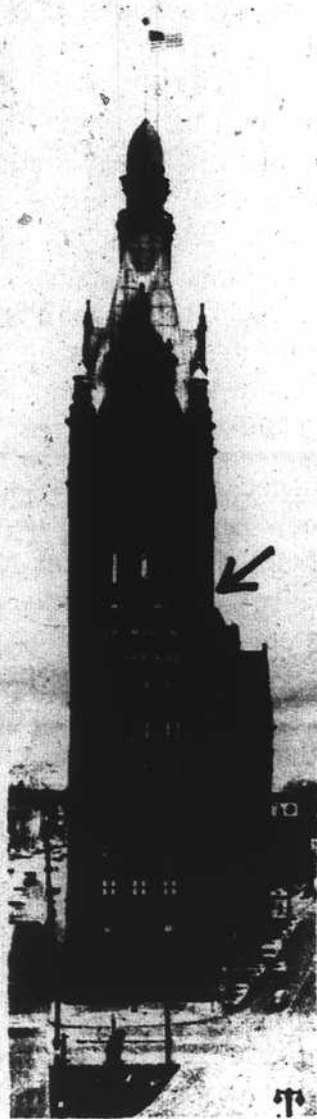
Two parcels of land amounting to one and one-third acres have been donated by the Clark County School District for the West Las Vegas center. They are between Owens and Harrison east of "F" St.

The "slum reversal" program has been dubbed "Operation Independence."

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MAN OF YEAR--Dr. Martin Luther King is shown above on Time cover as news-magazine's 'Man of the Year' for 1963. Noted Negro leader will be featured speaker at Freedom Fund Dinner of NAACP at Las Vegas Convention Center April 26. Photo at right shows sign on Milwaukee City Hall welcoming Dr. King to Wisconsin city for recent address to overflow crowd of 6,300 in City Auditorium. (See story this page.)



### WOMEN'S GROUP ASKS 'YES' VOTE

TWO HIGHLY INFLUENTIAL West Las Vegas civic organizations have strongly endorsed passage of the city bond issue at the election scheduled for April 7.

The Rev. Marion D. Bennett, pastor of Zion Methodist Church and president of the Las Vegas branch of the NAACP, and Gwen Weekes, president of the Women's Democratic Club West, both said that their memberships had voted to support the bond issue.

"It gives me great pleasure to announce that the local chapter of the NAACP is lending unqualified support to this bond issue and is urging all citizens of Las Vegas to vote 'Yes' on April 7," the Rev. Bennett said. "A 'Yes' vote will be a vote for progress in our total community. The Negro community believes in progress and the NAACP is progress itself."

"We have faith in the future of Las Vegas and we intend to contribute toward a better future for our city," he continued.

"Passage of the city bond issue on April 7 is a master key to open the doors to tomorrow's destiny of continued growth and resurgent economy for all of Las Vegas."

"I EARNESTLY PRAY that every voter who attaches his future to the future progress of this city will go to the polls on April 7 and vote 'Yes' on all six proposals. Victory for the bond issue will be a giant stride along the path to a brighter tomorrow," he added, "while defeat would be a backward step into yesterday. We cannot afford to stand still much less go backward."

The local NAACP president discussed each of the six proposals being offered the voters and declared that all of them deserved approval.

"Every 'Yes' vote from the West Las Vegas community will add a thousand dollars to our own economy," he concluded, "because at least two and one-half million dollars from these six projects will go into the pay envelopes of Westside workmen."

In concurring with the remarks of the Rev. Bennett, Miss Weekes also urged passage of the bond issue in its entirety

### Swedes Favor US Negro Leader

DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, who will be the featured speaker at the Freedom Fund Dinner at Las Vegas Convention Center, April 26, has been nominated for the 1964 Nobel Peace Prize by eight members of the Swedish Parliament.

In nominating Dr. King, the Swedish legislators paid tribute to the noted American theologian for successfully "keeping his followers to the principle of non-violence" as a leader in the civil rights movement.

"Without Dr. King's confirmed effectiveness . . . demonstrations and marches easily could have become violent and ended with the spilling of blood," the Swedish solons pointed out in making the recommendation.

Nobel prizes have been awarded annually since 1901 in five separate areas of human endeavor and carry a cash value of about \$50,000 each. The awards derive

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### REOPEN CASINO

APRIL 1 has been set as the tentative date for the reopening of the casino at the El Morocco Club, Jackson at "E" Sts. according to a spokesman for the prospective operators.

"All the details have not been settled as yet," the spokesman said, "but we hope to reopen the casino on or about April 1."

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