

WHO'S WHO and doing what

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"FIT FOR A KING!"

That's how we would describe the red-carpeted reception accorded "His Royal Highness, the King" (Dr. Martin Luther King, of course) at the inspiring Freedom Fund Banquet and Rally of the local NAACP at Las Vegas Convention Center.

The VOICE already has paid its respects to many of those who helped Bob Bailey and Jim Anderson arrange this stirring tribute to our great leader in the struggle for social justice and the top echelon state, county and city officials who turned out to greet Dr. King. There were some names, of course, (like Bob Johnson and Clara Ward's electrifying Gospel Singers) inadvertently omitted from earlier accounts, but we suppose everyone realizes that it is virtually impossible to recall all of those who contributed to the success of the impressive affair, but that their efforts were nonetheless deeply appreciated.



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Among those who deserve special mention were some of our prettiest matrons in short cocktail frocks who served as hostesses and usherettes under the direction of Mrs. Till Toms, who chose a hand-embroidered beige linen. They included Mmes. Charles West, in white linen with white trumpet heads; Earle White, floral print; Charles Kellar, pink Chantilly lace; Woodrow Wilson, sequin sheath; J. David Hoggard, white crepe and sequins; O. N. Abington, gold lame; Henry Moore, green nylon; Andrew Arrington, blue floral; Margie Collins, black peau de sole; Allen Crozier, red peau de sole; James Garland, green satin; Eugene Lewis, gold satin; Joseph Knight, green peau de sole; William Bailey, yellow chiffon; Marjorie Elliott, blue sequins; Prince Spencer, spouse of one of the Step Brothers, and her house guest, Vivian Guillotte, of Los Angeles.

A post-rally party attracted most of these



OUTSTANDING MEMBER--Dr. Martin Luther King (left) and President Rev. Marlon Bennett (right) of local NAACP congratulates Mrs. H. P. (Virgie) Fitzgerald on being named Outstanding Member of NAACP in this area during recent Freedom Fund Banquet at Las Vegas Convention Center. Dr. King, featured speaker at banquet, will be heard on CBS 'Face the Nation' program on KLUC radio here at 9:30 a.m. Sunday, May 10.

hard-working ladies and their hubbies to the Emerald Room of the Sands Hotel, where Dr. King and his party (who stayed overnight at the Sands, incidentally) were able to relax and partake of a late supper. Jimmy Gay of the Sands staff certainly was "a host with the most."

AMONG THOSE LUCKY enough to be allotted spots on the speaker's platform for the Freedom Fund Banquet along with Dr. King, Gov. Grant Sawyer, Las Vegas Mayor Oran Gragson, and co-chairmen Bob Bailey and Jim Anderson were the following:

Mrs. Gragson, Mrs. Bailey, NAACP Director Arthur DeVore, Rev. Jerry Furr, Trinity Methodist Church; NAACP Vice President J. David Hoggard, Clark County Supt. of Schools Leland B. and Mrs. Newcomer; Henderson Mayor William and Mrs. Byrne; Las Vegas Democratic Women's Club West President Gwen Weekes, North Las Vegas Mayor William and Mrs. Taylor, Las Vegas City Commissioner Harry and Mrs. Levy, Mrs. Dorothy Segal, NAACP Legal Redress Committee Chairman Charles Kellar, NAACP Treasurer H. P. Fitzgerald and Mrs. Fitzgerald, NAACP Labor and Industry Committeeman; NAACP Director Clarence Ray, Rev. W. T. Walker, Dr. King's executive aide; Las Vegas City Commissioner Ed Fountain, Mike Fondl, Governor's Office; Rev. H. Ray Boston, Grace Baptist Church, Berkeley, California.

Clark County District Attorney Edward and Mrs. Marshall, NAACP President Rev. Marion and Mrs. Bennett, Eugene Murphy, Rev. G. Mansfield Collins, All-Saints Community Church, Los Angeles (West Coast Bureau, Southern Christian Leadership Conference); District Judge John Mowbray, Rev. Welles Miller, Community Church; NAACP Director O. B. and Mrs. Lawson, NAACP Director Onward Abington, NAACP Director Woodrow Wilson, Clark County Probation Officer Robert and Mrs. Mullen, NAACP Director Johnnie and Mrs. Crockett, Clark County Commissioner Ralph and Mrs. Denton, Clark County Commissioner

William Briare, Mrs. Sarah Hughes, Boulder City City Councilman John and Mrs. Batchelor, NAACP Director Ira Fears and Mrs. Fears, NAACP Secretary; NAACP Director Henry Moore, and James T. Roberts.

Many other NAACP officials, clergymen and state, county and city dignitaries had parties of their own on the main floor of the rotunda.

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A ROUND OF PARTIES.

Climaxing the engagement of "Pops" at the Riviera Hotel, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Armstrong were entertained by long-time friends Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Lewis at their Deborah St. home and by Mmes. West, Kellar and Elliott at the scrumptious new domicile of the Charles Wests in Bonanza Village.

And what is just about as much fun for the kids as a circus? A birthday party, of course!

The Wyatt St. home of the William Baileys was alive with young ones and their parents who came to celebrate the birthdays of Johnny Bailey (4) and his little sister, Kim (2). Wishing "Happy Birthday" to Johnny and Kim were Missy Anderson, Eric Cotton, Lynne Strambler, Debra Scott, Vanessa and Gayle Regan, Karen Buckner, Penny and Byron Johnson, Donald Cole, Charles Howard, Erica Eppenger, Andrew Arrington, Lisa and Bruce Thornhill, Johnny Reid, Vera and Henry Moore, Keith Tanner, Valentina and Junior Caperton and Myrtle Coleman.

There was a bit of the Gallic touch there also with Danielle Gilles and Monique Coles speaking French oh, so, fluently along with their mamas, sisters Mrs. Louis Davidson and Mrs. Yolene Coles, and grande mama, Mrs. Carmine Ancion, all from Port-au-Prince, Haiti, via their new home in New York.

Arriving late for the festivities was Papa Bailey, who brought with him from Los Angeles Amos (Big Train) Lincoln, former claimant to the "catchweight" championship and a winner over Marty Marshall, the latter the only one to defeat Sonny Liston before his recent loss to Cassius Clay. With them came Haywood Jones, of the old Ford, Harris and Jones dance team, now the manufacturer of K & K hair products. Haywood will appear on the Jerry Lewis show at the Sands as a guest of the Step Brothers.

Sharing hostess duties were Mama Bailey's mama, Mrs. Beatrice Porter, Carita Harbert, Avanelle Lewis and Marjorie Elliott, who brought along several God-children.

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