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Atlanta Motel Asks Injunction

ATLANTA, Ga.—First major test of the new Civil Rights Law is scheduled for tomorrow (July 17) in United States District Court here when a hearing will be held in a suit instituted less than three hours after President Johnson signed the measure into law.

An injunction is being sought by the Heart of Atlanta Motel Corp. to restrain Attorney General Robert Kennedy from enforcing the public accommodations section of the law.

Judge Frank A. Hooper granted 11 days for the attorney general to answer an order to show cause why the injunction should not be granted.

Moreton Rolleston, president of the Motel Corporation, also asked \$11 million in damages against the United States. He argued that the desegregation requirements of the law would ruin his business, reputation and good will.

Title II of the civil rights law prohibits discrimination or refusal of service on account of race in hotels, motels, restaurants, gasoline stations and places of amusement if their operations affect interstate commerce or if the discrimination is supported by state action. It is regarded as the heart of the new law.

The heart of Atlanta Motel president argued that the civil rights act was unconstitutional on two grounds. Rolleston is a lawyer and prepared the seven-page complaint submitted to the court to support his application for a declaratory judgment.

He said the law violated the Fifth Amendment of the constitution because the government was empowered "to take for public use part of the rights of the motel in and to its private property without any compensation."

AMONG ITS PROVISIONS the Fifth Amendment states that no person shall "be deprived of life, liberty, or property, without due process of law; nor shall private property be taken for public use, without just compensation."

Rolleston also contended that the civil rights law exceeds the constitutional authority of congress to regulate commerce. Although congress is empowered to regulate foreign and interstate



REELECTED MODERATOR--Dr. J.L. Simmons delivers his acceptance address after being re-elected Moderator of Pride of the West District Association during organization's 18th annual convocation at Grace Emmanuel Baptist Church last week. (See additional photo page 10)

commerce, the motel president said that his business was not interstate but local in nature.

When an out-of-state traveler comes to the motel to spend the night, he said, he "has literally and legally 'come to rest'; his interstate movement is completed."

The heart of Atlanta Motel offers accommodation for 216 persons. It stands at the corner of Courtland and Harris streets adjacent to two interstate highways. Since it opened for business seven years ago the motel has refused to accommodate Negroes.

In recent years it has been the target of repeated demonstrations and sit-ins by Negro and white civil rights workers.

BOYS CLUB CAMP PLANS TO ACCOMMODATE 100 KIDS

APPLICATION FORMS for participation in the Boys Club Summer Camp program at Lee's Canyon will be available at Jefferson Recreation Center within the next week according to club director Bob Reid.

The Clark County Recreation Dept. facility in the mountains northwest of Las Vegas has been reserved for the Boys Club from Aug. 29 through Sept. 5.

Applications must be signed by a parent or legal guardian and will be accepted on a first come, first served basis. A nominal fee of \$5 will be charged each applicant for the week-long program, including transportation to the camp and return.

Plans have been set up to accommodate about 100 boys at an estimated cost of \$2,000, including a camp director, one counselor for each 10 boys, several cooks and maintenance men.

Food will be a major item in the camp budget at an estimated cost \$1,200. Medical services will be furnished without charge by a volunteer staff headed by Dr. Charles I. West.

TAX - DEDUCTIBLE CONTRIBUTIONS to help defray cost of the program are urgently requested and payable to director Reid at Jefferson Center. Volunteers for staff duty also are being solicited.

Each boy attending the camp will need two sheets and two blankets (or a bed roll) and one pair of sneakers and one pair of regular shoes in addition to other clothing and personal effects such as tooth brush, tooth paste and a comb.

The Boys Club meets at Jefferson Center every Thursday night between 7 p.m. and 9 to 10 p.m. One of the activities now in full swing is an art class under the direction of Barbara Flanders and Evelyn Thaler.

FINAL DECISION DUE TOMORROW NIGHT ON ASSEMBLY RACE

A FINAL CAUCUS of West Las Vegas citizens is scheduled for tomorrow night (July 17) at 8:30 p.m. at the Western Cab office, 1400 North "E" St., to endorse two local candidates for the Nevada Assembly for united support at the primary election of Sept. 1.

One Democrat and one Republican will be selected as standard-bearers of the Negro community according to Charles L. Kellar, president of the Nevada Voters League.

At a preliminary meeting last Friday, three West Las Vegas who had already filed for the Assembly contest personally expressed their views in a bid for support. They were Autumn Keyes, Joe Neal and the Rev. Leo Johnson.

Community leaders present at last week's meeting voted to delay a final selection until tomorrow pending the deadline for filing last night (July 15). All those who have properly qualified for the primary test are urged to be present for Friday night's final caucus.

A last-minute drive to register tardy West Las Vegas also will be launched Friday night. The deadline for voter registration for the primaries is Saturday (July 18) at 9 p.m.

Registration can be made in the lobby of the County Courthouse, 3rd and Carson or the County election department at 520 South Highland Drive between 8 a.m. and 9 p.m. Booths also will be open today, Friday and Saturday at Thriftmart (Bonanza), Fantastic Fair, Vegas Village South, Safeway (Decatur and North Las Vegas), Penny's, Panorama (Charleston), East Charleston Plaza Mall, the Post Office and the corner of 2nd and Fremont.

Most of the latter booths will be open from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. according to County Clerk Helen Scott Reed.

Lutherans Approve Civil Disobedience

PITTSBURGH, Pa.—Civil disobedience of laws as a means of protesting racial injustice was approved here last week by the Lutheran Church of America.

The action came as delegates approved a seven-point statement on race relations on the last day of the second biennial convention.

"... It must be recognized that laws have been, and may in the future be enacted, or social customs may exist, which are believed to be in basic conflict with the constitutional law of the land or the moral law of God," the statement said.

It continued:

"In such circumstances the church, its congregations, synods, agencies, and institutions, including their representatives, as well as individual members, are recognized as free by all lawful means, including participation in peace-

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