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DR. KING IN ACTION--Dr. Martin Luther King (left) is shown delivering one of his stirring pleas for non-violence in the civil rights movement. Noted American cleric has received important new support as 1964 recipient of Nobel Peace Prize. (See story this page.)

NORSE, DANES BACK KING FOR NOBEL PEACE PRIZE

STRONG, NEW BACKING for Dr. Martin Luther King as recipient of the 1964 Nobel Peace Prize has been noted in the Scandinavian press during the past several weeks.

Dr. King's biggest boost for the coveted international award came from Norway's influential Arbeiderbladet, which bluntly stated in an editorial that the prize, worth about \$50,000, should go to the American Negro clergyman for his leadership in the non-violent civil rights movement.

The Norwegian newspaper's advocacy of Dr. King is especially significant because it is the official organ of Norway's Labor government. The Norwegian Parliament selects the Peace Prize laureate, while Sweden, native land of the founder of the annual awards, Alfred Nobel, picks the winners in Physics, Chemistry, Literature and Medicine-Physiology.

Also supporting Dr. King for the award is the Norwegian religious magazine Vaar Kirke (Our Church).

JOINING IN THE DRIVE to honor Dr. King were two important Danish newspapers, the conservative Politiken and widely-circulated Sjaellands Tidende.

The former editorialized: "The proposals to award the Nobel Peace Prize to Dr. King have our warm approval, not only because the American Negro leader is unreservedly a worthy candidate but because it would be an event of great symbolic significance."

The latter commented: "There is no doubt that Dr. King's motives are honest and his principle of non-violence commands our respect. He does not seek to revolt against society but he wants society to live up to his ideals."

The VOICE first called attention to the possibility of Dr. King receiving the Nobel Peace Prize this year when it revealed in March that the president of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference had been nominated for the 1964 award by eight members of the Swedish Parliament.

IRONICALLY, South African Negro Nationalist leader Albert John Luthuli, the 1960 Nobel Peace Prize winner, recently was sentenced to a second consecutive six-year term of "house arrest" by the white supremacy government of the Republic of South Africa for alleged "subversive" activities in opposing the government's apartheid (segregationist) policies.

American Negro statesman Ralph J. Bunche was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize in 1950. Other American recipients were President Theodore Roosevelt in 1906, Secretary of State Elihu Root in 1912, President Woodrow Wilson in 1919, Vice President Charles Dawes in 1925, and Secretaries of State Frank Kellogg and Cordell Hull in 1929 and 1945, respectively.

Dr. King, currently active in a campaign to register Negro voters in Mississippi, was featured speaker at the Freedom Fund rally of the local NAACP last April 26.

Voters League Also Picks Leo

CLARK COUNTY Commissioner Ralph Denton of Boulder City has been officially endorsed by the Nevada Voters League in his bid for Nevada's lone seat in the United States House of Representatives. Denton's chief rival for the Democratic nomination in the Sept. 1 primary election is expected to be incumbent Congressman Walter Baring of Reno.

Denton received the official blessing of the predominantly colored political action group at a meeting last Friday at League headquarters, 1400 North 'E' St.

Also formally endorsed at the same time was the candidacy of the Rev. Leo A. Johnson, who is seeking a seat in the State Assembly from District No. 2 comprising Las Vegas and Good Springs. Rev. Johnson previously had been selected as the Democratic standard-bearer of the Negro community in the Legislature race at a caucus of West Las Vegas citizens.

Candidates who spoke at last Friday's meeting included Dr. James McMillan (U.S. Senate), Bernard Posin and Ralph Mosa (County Commissioner-at-large), Flora Dungan, Herb Tobman and Joe Hammes (Assembly, Dist. 2), and Al Becker (Las Vegas Justice of the Peace).

THE VOTERS LEAGUE is continuing interviews of candidates for various offices through tonight. Additional endorsements are expected to be made tomorrow night, July 31, at an 8:30 meeting of the general membership at League headquarters.

Jim Anderson was appointed by the League executive board to act as coordinator in promoting the candidacies of League-endorsees. Robert (Moon) Mullen was named campaign



DANCING DOLLS--This is the Jefferson Tiny Tot Dance Team of Brownie Troop 21 which staged a stirring exhibition at last Friday's formal dedication of new Doolittle Pool and Recreation Center. Front to rear are Sonia Willis, Julia Burns, Cynthia Willis, Elloree Lawson, Patricia Lawson, Vera Moore, Felice Roberts, Donna Jackson, Emily Hall and instructor Shirley McDaniel. Little Miss Jackson made the acceptance speech in behalf of youth at the dedication ceremonies. (See story right)

manager for Rev. Johnson, with Ike Rone chairman of the finance committee, Rev. V.C.L. Coleman chairman of the church committee, and J. David Hoggard chairman of the Get-Out-the-Vote Committee. Dorothy Collins was appointed full-time receptionist at Johnson headquarters in the Voters League building starting next Monday, Aug. 3.

Other members of the Johnson campaign committee include Sarah Hughes, Gwen Weekes, Marjorie Collins, Rae Lee Jones, Lucille Gee, Sylvester Cornell and Connie Strong among others. The committee will hold weekly meetings at 1400 North 'E' St. on Saturdays at 1 p.m. All Johnson supporters are urged to attend.

MAYOR, COUNCIL ATTEND FORMAL CENTER OPENING

A LARGE AND ENTHUSIASTIC crowd of West Las Vegas turned out last Friday night for the formal dedication ceremonies attending the official opening of Doolittle Pool and Recreation Center.

Mayor Oran Gragson delivered the dedication address, pointing out that the new facilities were constructed for the people of Las Vegas with the earnest desire that all activities may find avenues of expression in social, physical, educational and cultural channels.

Appropriate acceptance remarks were made by young Donna Jackson and center director Joe Haynes.

City Superintendent of Recreation Keith McDonald served as master of ceremonies, with invocation by the Rev. Marion Bennett, Zion Methodist Church, and benediction by the Rev. Leo Johnson, St. Peter Baptist Church.

Honored guests in addition to Mayor Gragson included City Commissioners Reed Whipple, Ed Fountain, Harry Levy and Phil Mirabelli; City Manager V. L. Fletcher, Assistant City Manager Art Trelease, Recreation Advisory Board members Donald Kirkland, Jeanne Roberts, Frank Davenport and William Southard, and former board chairman William Peccole.

The gathering cheered loud and long for several special events, including a marching exhibition by the Zodiac Drill Team, Mureen Finch, advisor; a dancing exhibition by the Jefferson Tiny Tots of Brownie Troop 21, Shirley McDaniels, leader; a swimming exhibi-

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