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EDITORIAL

Let's Lead the Way for the U.S.A.

LAST WEEKEND'S highly successful civil rights seminar at the Hotel Tropicana, sponsored by Mayor Oran Gragson and hosted by the Southern Nevada Human Relations Commission, marked a new milestone in this area's steady progress toward the attainment of equal opportunity for all its citizens.

Clark County has made a tremendous start in its efforts to implement the Civil Rights Act of 1964. The enthusiasm exhibited by everyone who took part in this most productive conference indicates that Clark County may well become a showcase for the display of true democratic practices.

The VOICE has sketchily outlined the highlights of this inspiring affair in a story starting on page one of this issue. Despite the fact that it is the longest local story ever printed in the VOICE, we say "sketchily" because there is much more to be told. The Human Rights Commission headed by the indefatigable Bill Deutsch is now organizing all the material developed at the day-long conference and the complete reports will be published as soon as they are available.

Mayor Gragson has pledged his administration to follow through on the recommendations

ident Kwame Nkrumah long have yearned to lead an African nationalist drive to oust Tshombe.

The Congo Premier, in turn, had the pleasure of making these enemies look foolish when he stole headlines from their neutralist summit conference after they arrested him in Cairo in October.

The African patriotic slogan of "remove foreign interference" has been applied to the Belgian-American airdrop, although nearly half the African nations in the UN so far have refused to join the Ben Bella-Nasser lineup.

Led by UAR Foreign Minister Mahmoud Riad, African radicals tried to get the Security Council to condemn American-Belgian "intervention" as contrary to the UN charter and Organization of African Unity resolutions.

THEY ASK FOR WITHDRAWAL of all foreign troops and mercenaries from The Congo. They also express deep concern that events in The Congo could be a precedent for "intervention" in other African countries.

Tshombe's UN representative, Theodore Idzumbuir, was getting strong support from Nigeria in his argument that The Congo, as a sovereign nation, has the right to ask aid where it pleases.

Nigerian Foreign Minister Ja ja Wachuku argued against the anti-Tshombe Africans for two hours in a closed session at the UN just before the big Security Council blow-off.

United States Secretary of State Dean Rusk had been telling African Foreign Ministers in private meetings of the American effort to free leftist-held hostages by negotiation.

Rusk explained to African diplomats, who had heard mainly Communist and leftist African information, that the United States exhausted every other possibility before flying in paratroops, with Tshombe's permission.

The United States tried to free the hostages through the OAH, the International Committee of the Red Cross, through contacts with various African governments and through direct contacts with rebel leaders.

THE PARATROOP RESCUE was ordered only after all these efforts failed and the approach of Tshombe's forces gave heightened stress to rebel threats to "boil the hostages alive and parade in their skins."

Rusk also pointed out that using hostages for political purposes has been outlawed in civilized codes. Reverting to this practice could have dangerous repercussions in many other parts of the world, he warned.

American sources say that the plight of the hostages, while ignored by some African capitals, stirred deep sympathy elsewhere, particularly in the Catholic countries of Europe and Latin America and in parts of Asia.

of the various workshops and we have high hopes that other public officials in the area will see fit to follow suit.

We are especially grateful to those from out of state who helped launch this vitally important project--men like John Binkley and J. K. Heilborn, from Washington, D.C.; Arthur Bradford, from San Francisco, and Dennis Fargas, from Los Angeles. You have our heart-felt thanks, gentlemen.

Bright Future Predicted For Las Vegas NAACP

CONGRATULATIONS to all those named to lead the local branch of the NAACP during the next two years!

The turnout for last Sunday's biennial election indicates a bright future for NAACP activity in this area. The vigorous campaign conducted by partisans of the two candidates for the presidency stimulated the entire community and produced a healthy situation. Many new members were brought into the fold and some who had permitted their memberships to become dormant apparently were stimulated into renewed activity.

Although the spirited contest for the top office created unprecedented "heat", it is now time to close ranks and move ahead as one, united organization. Vitally important days for all of us lie directly ahead. Let us all go forward together. We cannot afford to do otherwise.

We have strong allies in Washington, D.C.; Carson City and our own City Hall. It is imperative that we demonstrate our unity of purpose and action to those in high places who are ready and willing to help us achieve our legitimate aspirations for a better life.

We must not fail our friends who rightfully expect us to present a united front. For if we do, we must surely place ourselves at the mercy of our enemies.

Adult Students Get Break

AN EXPANDED PROGRAM for persons 17 to 50 years of age desiring to complete requirements for high school diplomas through the Clark County School District's Adult Education program has been announced by Director Ray Sturm.

Under the new plan, the District will offer more courses of study so that students can complete four credits each year instead of two.

Subject areas include American Government, United States History, English (both literature and grammar), general mathematics, economics, general science, psychology, etc.

"We believe we can better serve those who see the increased need for a high school diploma by instituting this additional service," Sturm said, "which has only been made possible by considerable advance planning."

Starting next month, students may take four different subjects one night a week, which will pay off in two credits toward graduation by May. Schedules should be available at the Adult Education Office (401 South Ninth Street) this week or next.

Sturm said that those interested who are not now in the program should contact his office (384-7816-17-18) in advance so that transcripts may be evaluated for counseling and individual study programs planned.

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AFRICA in Today's World

By CHARLES I. WEST, M.D.

LAST WEEK'S VITRIOLIC ATTACKS at United Nations headquarters in New York on Belgian-American rescue operations in The Congo has set the stage for expanded East-West military conflict in Central Africa according to Chicago Daily News analyst Milt Freudenheim.

Responding to American quasi-military involvement in The Congo and Premier Moise Tshombe's successes against leftist rebels, Soviet and Red Chinese efforts to destroy Tshombe's pro-Western government have been stepped up to a new and ominous degree.

Unmistakeable signs of the Soviet attitude is reflected in reports from Cairo and Khartoum, Sudan, that Russian weapons and money are being relayed to the rebels in preparation for a massive resurgence.

Weapons and military advisers from Ghana, Algeria and the United Arab Republic are reaching the rebels via neighboring Uganda, Sudan and the Congo (Brazzaville) Republic.

Peking is competing by sending money and other aid through Kenya and Tanzania via Burundi.

The United States aids Tshombe's legal government at Leopoldville with money, planes and weapons. Cuban exiles are serving as combat pilots.

AMERICAN OFFICIALS in Washington and Leopoldville insist that The Congo bears little resemblance to America's Viet Nam nightmare, if only because of the geographical remoteness of Communist military power.

But the Congo situation has moved a long way in the Saigon direction since UN troops, out of funds, departed last June. Regardless of whether the Congo rebels are Communists, leftists, racist savages or perhaps idealistic Africans, their Communist friends have received two major boosts since then.

The return of Tshombe, hated by some Africans because he gets along "too well" with former colonialists in Europe, gave the leftists a ready-made villain.

Tshombe's use of South African and Rhodesian white mercenary soldiers along with anti-Castro Cuban pilots compounded the racist emotions stirred up by his enemies.

Also, the Communist-aided revolution in Sudan last month opened a Moscow-Cairo-Khartoum corridor to The Congo that was closed in the 1960 jousting between Stanleyville leftists and UN forces.

Algerian advisers and arms from Moscow and Peking are being ferried through Sudan in former Russian, British and American planes now under Algerian, Ghanaian and UAR flags.

They reach a shattered rebel force in the eastern and north-east Congo deprived of its Stanleyville capital by Tshombe's troops.

A GRIM RACE is now on to do the job the United Nations failed to do--transforming Congolese soldiers into disciplined fighters. While leftist Africans train rebels in guerrilla warfare to be based near The Congo's borders, predominantly Belgian Westerners sweat to train Tshombe's ragtag national army.

The Belgian-American rescue of white hostages at Stanleyville provided the propaganda spark to mobilize anti-Western and anti-Tshombe emotions.

Algerian President Ahmed Ben Bella, UAR President Gamal Abdel Nasser and Ghana Pres-