



AFRICA in Today's World

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CHALK UP ANOTHER notable victory for Moise Tshombe, the indefatigable Premier of the Congo (Leopoldville), who seems destined to go down in history as one of the most remarkable African leaders of this turbulent era.

Tshombe, who has repeatedly confounded his Communist-oriented foes in their attempts to bring down his government, crowned his long fight for political respectability last week by attaining membership for the Congo in the 13-nation African and Malgache Common Organization (OCAM).

According to Los Angeles Times correspondent Dan Shannon, reporting from the scene of the one-day session of the OCAM in Abijan, Ivory Coast, admission of the Congo was the chief business of the meeting attended by nine presidents and premiers. But the OCAM went even further in rebuffing Tshombe's detractors by voting to boycott a so-called "African unity summit meeting" scheduled for September in Ghana.

Ghana's leader, Kwame Nkrumah, has been a leading supporter of the Congo rebellion and was charged with subversive action against other OCAM members.

THE THREE STATES which theoretically opposed the Congo's entry, the former French Congo (Brazzaville), Cameroon and Mauretania did not send delegations to the session. President Leon M'Ba of Gabon, as chairman of the meeting, ruled the majority vote sufficient.

Tshombe, arriving from Leopoldville, got a standing ovation as he entered the Ivory Coast's National Assembly for the formal closing of the conference.

M'Ba's welcome to "our new partner" was followed by praise from Presidents Felix Houphouet-Boigny of the Ivory Coast, Leopold Senghor of Senegal and Philibert Tsiranana of Madagascar, the acknowledged big three who won their colleagues' support for Tshombe.

Eyes glistening, Tshombe thanked his colleagues in the name of President Joseph Kasavubu and the Congolese people.

"The Congo, after four years of civil war, at last has a bright new future on the horizon thanks to your action," he said.

AT A SUBSEQUENT mass press conference, Tshombe declared the rebellion would be quashed without the aid of "certain countries."

He said he is still ready to welcome back the rebels to help in the Congo's main task of economic reconstruction.

OCAM now includes all black African former French colonies except two of the far left, Guinea and Mali. Of the three former Belgian-ruled states, the Congo has joined and Rwanda is a quasi-member.

It was reported before the session that France and Belgium opposed the Congo's entry.

OCAM members, as such, do not receive French aid but extend customs advantages to each other and tend, with the exception of Communist-oriented Brazzaville, to favor conservative economic and political policies.

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EDITORIAL

Levy, Mirabelli Deserve Our Support

LET'S PUT IT THIS WAY:

The date is Nov. 2, 1964. You are a new reporter for the Las Vegas Daily Bugle. Your very first assignment on this day before national and state elections is to conduct a straw poll to determine who the "man in the street" is supporting for President of the United States and U. S. Senator from Nevada.

President Lyndon B. Johnson and Sen. Howard W. Cannon are candidates for reelection on the Democratic ticket. Their respective opponents on the Republican ticket are Barry Goldwater and Paul Laxalt.

Everything considered, the country and the state are in good shape. This has placed Goldwater and Laxalt in something of a bind. Unable

"Head Start" Assassins Betrayed Public Trust

ALL RESIDENTS of West Las Vegas interested in seeing that our culturally-handicapped youngsters receive an "even break" in starting school are urged to attend today's special meeting of the Clark County school board, scheduled for 1 p.m. in the school district headquarters at 2832 East Flamingo Rd.

Those able to make it--and we hope there are plenty--will have an opportunity to let certain board members know exactly how this community feels about the board's shocking action of last Thursday in scuttling this summer's proposed pre-school training program.

In case you aren't fully acquainted with what happened last week, we hasten to explain that board members Eloise Blue, Helen Cannon and George Wilkinson, taking advantage of the enforced absences of chairman Chester Sewell and Walter McCall, killed "Project Head Start" this summer as far as Clark County is concerned.

This vitally-important program, designed to help kids from sub-standard environments get started in school on an even footing with children from "better" homes, was all set to go. The federal government had ear-marked \$53,131 for the program and the necessary personnel had been obtained to carry it through. But all that's out the window now despite the valiant efforts of board members Dr. C. W. Woodbury and Dell Robinson and Superintendent of Schools Dr. Leland Newcomer to implement the project.

Some may ask what good it will do to lock the door now that the horse has fled the barn, so to speak. Why protest the actions of Mrs. Blue, Mrs. Cannon and Wilkinson if the program is dead. Here's why:

At the next regular meeting of the board on Thursday, June 10, Dr. Newcomer will present several similar programs for the board's consideration. Like "Project Head Start," these programs are designed to reduce the academic gap between children from vastly different cultural backgrounds.

They will more than pay for themselves by drastically cutting the dropout rate at the junior and senior high levels, making it possible for more young people to properly prepare themselves for good-paying jobs and thus stay off the public welfare lists. Some of them won't cost the local taxpayers an extra dime because they are heavily subsidized by the President's anti-poverty program, with the money already appropriated. If we don't use the cash--which happens to be our own money, incidentally--it will be a total loss to this community.

And don't get us wrong. We're just as much opposed to unnecessary federal spending as Mrs. Blue, Mrs. Cannon, Wilkinson or anyone else. But these programs are so important to the future economic well-being of our community and nation that we're sure they are well worth the immediate cost. Either this is true, or the brains and experience of our best educators mean nothing. In which case we might just as well throw in the towel and let the Soviet

to attack Johnson and Cannon on the basic issues of good government, the Republican candidates have been forced to base their campaigns on "personalities."

Goldwater and Laxalt have been accusing their Democratic rivals of just about every "sin" in the book. They have tried to tie in Johnson and Cannon with all sorts of alleged scandals. They have even inferred that Johnson and Cannon had contributed to "moral decay" in this nation by defending the right of Negroes to demonstrate for social justice and equal economic and educational opportunity.

IT IS QUITE PLAIN that neither Goldwater or Laxalt think much of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, which was initiated by the Johnson administration and supported by Cannon.

Generally speaking, Republican strategy throughout the country has been to besmirch the personal character of Democratic candidates and impugn their integrity. Through it all, the Democrats have insisted on pointing to "the record," confident that the electorate will recognize and approve a history of accomplishment under Democratic administrations.

That's about how things stand as you, lately arrived in Las Vegas from the east coast, start to interview people at random on the corner of Second and Fremont Sts. You are so new to the local scene that you don't even know that Democrats outnumber Republicans by about 3 to 1 in Las Vegas and that Nevada was the only far western state that had given John F. Kennedy a majority over Richard Nixon four years earlier.

IT DOES NOT SEEM STRANGE to you, therefore, that the first four registered voters you happen to query are evenly divided according to political persuasion. You do not even realize that the two Democrats, who identify themselves as Harry Levy and Phil Mirabelli, are members of the Las Vegas City Commission. Nor are you familiar with the fact that the two Republicans, who give their names as Grant Stewart and Bert Leavitt, are prominent in local GOP affairs.

You have been instructed to ask only three questions:

1. Do you support the policies and broad principles of the Democratic party, or of the Republican party, as propounded during the campaign closing today?

2. Do you support Johnson or Goldwater for President?

3. Do you support Cannon or Laxalt for Senator?

(That ends our hypothetical situation. How did you like being a reporter?)

NOW WE HAVE A QUESTION we want all registered voters in West Las Vegas to consider carefully and answer for themselves before they go to the polls next Tuesday, June 8, 1965, to select two city commissioners. (By a strange coincidence, Democratic commissioner Harry Levy is opposed by Republican Grant Stewart and Democratic commissioner Phil Mirabelli is being challenged by Republican Bert Leavitt.)

Here's our question:

HOW DO YOU THINK EACH of the FOUR CANDIDATES in NEXT TUESDAY'S CITY COMMISSION ELECTION WOULD HAVE ANSWERED the REPORTER'S THREE QUESTIONS on NOV. 2, 1964?

Need we go further?

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