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Survey Shows Someone Out There Likes Us!

WE THANK YOU, Mr. and Mrs. West Las Vegas! Yes, we thank you from the bottom of our hearts!

And many thanks, also, to the Sixth Grade students of Madison School who recently completed a comprehensive canvas of their representative West Las Vegas neighborhood to determine HOW the Las Vegas VOICE is regarded in this community--and WHY.

We are humbly proud and extremely happy to report that the unsolicited survey conducted by Madison School Principal Dr. Joseph Caliguri in cooperation with Sixth Grade teachers Mrs. Bernice Moten, Mrs. Elsie Sellers and Mr. Jerry O'Brien resulted in an overwhelming VOTE OF CONFIDENCE in this weekly publication.

An independent audit of ALL 305 signed

statements obtained in a door-to-door canvas by the Madison School poll-takers revealed some truly amazing figures. For instance: . . . Out of 270 persons who signed statements saying they read the VOICE, 267 answered "Yes" to the question, "Do you like the VOICE?"

. . . Only THREE (3) persons who signed statements saying they read the VOICE at least (See SURVEY, page 12)

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Big Rally Next Thursday NAACP to Launch Fair Housing Drive At Freedom Banquet

"FREEDOM IN HOUSING" will be the theme of next Thursday night's annual NAACP Freedom Fund Banquet at the Las Vegas Convention Center, serving as a keynote for an intensive drive for enactment of "fair housing" legislation during the next session of the Nevada legislature.

The gala June 17 rally is scheduled to get under way at 8 p.m. in the spacious rotunda of the big county facility, scene of numerous world championship boxing matches during the past five years. It is entirely fitting, therefore, that one of the principal speakers at this year's affair will be a veteran of 63 amateur fights who has distinguished himself as a militant battler for civil rights.

He is the Rev. Lewis P. Bohler Jr., rector of the Episcopal Church of the Advent in Los Angeles, a participant in the celebrated Alabama march from Selma to Montgomery last March. (See photos this page.) The Rev. Bohler will share the speaker's podium with Mrs. Tarea Hall Pittman, Berkeley, Calif., West Coast regional secretary of the NAACP.

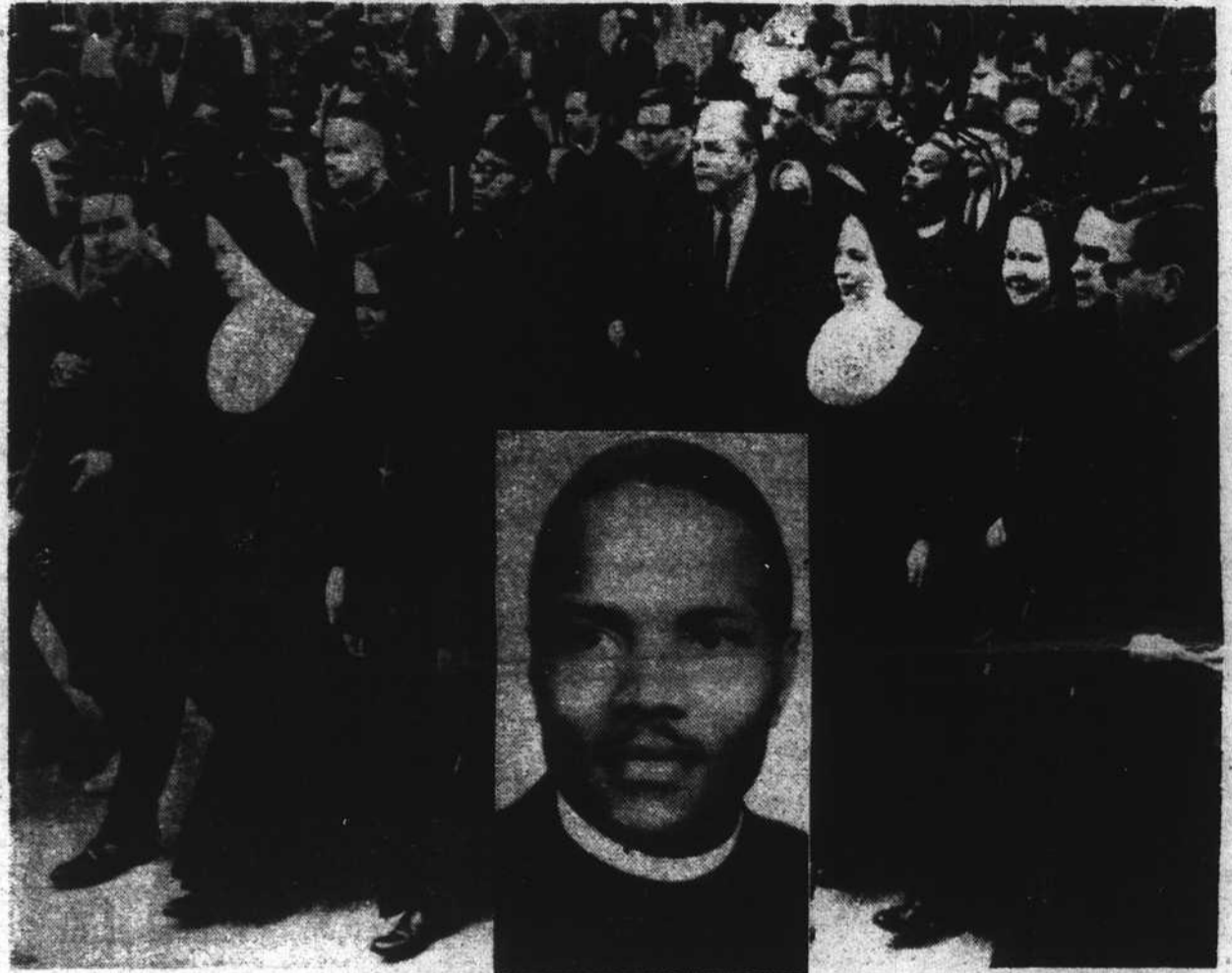
Tickets for next Thursday's affair are available at \$7.50 per donation. They may be obtained from General Chairman Frank Anderson and members of his committee at 1042 West Owens Ave. in the Golden West Shopping Center (649-1476) or Mrs. Robert L. Reid, ticket committee chairman, 2246 Englestad St. (642-0921).

Mrs. Eileen Brookman is serving as co-chairman with Anderson. Sub-committee chairmen include Mrs. Cornelia Kellar and Mrs. Charlotte Cook, dinner arrangements; Anthony Thomas, entertainment; Charles Kellar, awards; Leandrew McDaniel, souvenir booklet, and Richard Williams, publicity.

HOTEL SAHARA entertainment director Stan Irwin, newly elected board president of Temple Beth Shalom, will be master of ceremonies at the banquet, expected to attract about 700 persons. Irwin has assisted entertainment chairman Thomas in lining up an imposing array of top-flight professional performers for the big event.

A native of Augusta, Ga., the 38-year-old Rev. Bohler served three years in the U. S. Air Force, with two years of duty on Guam and in Japan. His extensive educational background includes studies at Haines and Hampton Institutes, a B.A. degree in psychology from West Virginia State College, and theological degrees from Oberlin and Kenyon Colleges in Ohio.

He was ordained to the Episcopal Disconate in 1955 and the Priesthood at Trinity Cathedral, Cleveland, Ohio, in 1956. His first parish was in Youngstown, Ohio, where he served two terms as treasurer and one as vice president of the local NAACP. While in Youngstown, he also was active in the Council of Churches, Ministerial Assn., Interdenominational Minis-



terial Alliance, Planned Parenthood Assn., Humane Society, Mayor's Committee on Human Relations, American Civil Liberties Union and worked with college students at the YWCA. A former life guard as well as amateur boxer, he helped sponsor the annual Golden Gloves tournament in Youngstown.

HE ACCEPTED his present rectorship in 1961 and has been prominent in Los Angeles Urban League and NAACP functions for several years. He is presently vice president of the Wilshire Community Coordinating Council, a board member of the USO and the Diocesan Council on Christian Social Relations, and a member of a three-man Diocesan team that works in group therapy and group sensitivity.

During his two trips to Selma, Ala., this year, the Rev. Bohler served as co-chairman of a very successful Palm Sunday project called "Contribution Selma" in addition to taking part in the Selma-Montgomery march. He is currently co-chairman of a project to bring 40 young Selma choir singers to Los Angeles for a series of concerts and recreation. He is in great demand as a speaker on the "Selma situation" and plans to return to the Alabama city this summer for another first-hand look at conditions there.

Married and the father of two children, a girl, 11, and a boy, 9, the Rev. Bohler met his wife at Oberlin College, where she was working for her master's degree in music.

VEGAS SPEAKER AT SELMA--Arrow in above photo points to Rev. Lewis P. Bohler Jr. (also shown in inset) as clergymen of many different faiths and Catholic nuns leave Selma, Ala., church last March preparatory to joining celebrated 50-mile trek to Alabama capital city of Montgomery in one of history's most stirring civil rights demonstrations. Militant Los Angeles minister will be one of featured speakers at next Thursday's (June 17) Freedom Fund Banquet of local NAACP at Las Vegas Convention Center. (See story this page)

Daughter Elks Sponsor Parisian Frolic Saturday

DAUGHTER ELKS of Alpha Temple 1180 are sponsoring "a rare evening of fun, frolic and frivolity" at the local Elks Lodge, 416 West Bonanza Rd., next Saturday, June 12. Entertainment will start at 9 p.m. and continue into the wee hours of the morning. The public is invited.

"A Night in Paris" will be the motif for the gala affair, with exquisite French cuisine being offered, along with door prizes and other special features.

Officers of Paran Lodge 1508 have announced that their clubhouse facilities are open to the general public on Friday, Saturday and Sunday nights.

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