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Treniers, Domino on Program Tonight

Gala Freedom Fund Banquet Features Noted Entertainers

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Youth Corps

SCHOOL BOSSSES APPROVE PROJECT

SCHOOL BOARD cooperation with a Neighborhood Youth Corps Project designed to provide part-time employment for young people who might otherwise be forced to drop out of school was approved last week.

The project, a top-priority segment of the President's War on Poverty program, will open more than 250 jobs to needy Southern Nevada youngsters at \$1.25 per hour without encroaching on normal private employment. The federal government will pick up \$85,731 of the total tab of \$99,810.

Three other federally-sponsored projects of especial importance to West Las Vegas school children also received tentative approval from the board following strong recommendations by Dr. Leland Newcomer, Clark County Superintendent of Schools, and members of his administrative staff.

In each case, only one member of the five-member board voted against the proposals.

Mrs. Helen Cannon, a bitter opponent of federal aid in most areas of education, voted against the Youth Corps Project and also turned thumbs down on a Language Development Project aimed at assisting underprivileged children with limited vocabularies and knowledge of English.

Mrs. Eloise Blue, whose views coincide with those of Mrs. Cannon on federally-financed programs, was the lone dissent-

ENTERTAIN DINERS TONIGHT



FREEDOM FUND BANQUET HEADLINERS--Among many outstanding artists who will appear at tonight's NAACP Freedom Fund Banquet and Rally at Las Vegas Convention Center are The Treniers (group photo above) now appearing at Thunderbird Hotel, and famous recording star, vocalist Fats Domino (inset lower right), Flamingo Hotel headliner. Big affair starts at 8 p.m. and will feature speeches by noted civil rights leaders Tarea Hall Pittman and Rev. Lewis P. Bohler. (See story this page, additional photos page 6.)

Pittman, Bohler Set For Main Speeches At NAACP Function

TONIGHT'S THE BIG NIGHT!
Where? The spacious rotunda of the beautiful Las Vegas Convention Center.

When? Starting at 8 p.m. sharp.
What? The annual Freedom Fund Banquet and Rally of the Las Vegas NAACP.

There you have it in a nut-shell.
By now, most everyone interested in this top event of the Southern Nevada colored community is more or less familiar with the agenda for this evening's gala celebration of Negro progress during the past year and plans for the immediate future. But just to refresh your memory, we are going to recount some of the highlights.

First, may we again call attention to the fact that the principal addresses will be delivered by two magnetic personalities, both eminently well-suited to follow last year's guest speaker--the redoubtable Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.--to the podium on this auspicious occasion.

TAREA HALL PITTMAN needs no introduction to the local colored community. This valiant and much-decorated battler in the front ranks of the civil rights movement has favored us with her gracious presence and eloquent words in the past. A key executive of the NAACP's West Coast Region for many years, the erudite lady from Berkeley may be counted upon for another stirring message at tonight's festive gathering.

THE REV. LEWIS P. BOHLER of Los Angeles, who will share the spotlight and speaker's platform with Mrs. Pittman, is fast becoming one of the most sought after orators at Negro functions throughout the country. It was particularly fortunate that the banquet committee was able to obtain this distinguished Episcopalian clergyman for tonight's affair. As a veteran of the "Alabama war," including the celebrated Selma-Montgomery march, he will be able to give the audience an intimate, first-hand account of what has been happening in the Deep South. (See photos page 6.)

Little has been said about tonight's supplementary entertainment and many who attended the 1964 Freedom Fund Banquet and Rally probably wonder how last year's imposing array of talent can be surpassed. However, we can assure everyone that noted showman Stan Irwin, who will serve as master of ceremonies tonight, will be able to present some of the finest artists ever assembled on one stage in Las Vegas.

Suffice it to say that the banquet tariff of \$7.50 per donation not only will include a delicious repast, but will entitle each diner to catch a truly "all-star" show equal to, or even outmatching, anything offered at a Strip hotel dinner-show on this or any other evening.

Among the outstanding acts on the program will be those fabulous Treniers, currently wowing 'em at the Thunderbird Hotel, and the inimitable Fats Domino, now making a triumphant appearance at the Flamingo Hotel. (See photos this page.)

And many other great performers.

We'll See You There!

High Union Office For Vegas Negro

PRIMAS WHITE, a 31-year-old West Las Vegas, has scored another "first" for the Negro race in the State of Nevada by being elected to high office in an important labor union.

White, who came to Las Vegas in 1949 from his native city of Mounds, La., is the new vice president of Local No. 872, International Hod Carriers and Laborers union, an organization with a membership of almost 1,000. And his election should be a lesson to all qualified voters for ANY election who fail to exercise their franchise on the lame excuse, "Oh, my vote wouldn't make any difference, anyway."

White's margin of victory, following a re-

er to a Student Services Project to provide additional health, psychological and social counselling services, and an Advisory Specialist and In-Service Training Project designed to develop special skills in those working with culturally deprived youngsters.

THE LATTER THREE programs were all approved "for further study," with every indication they will be implemented (See PROJECTS, page 11)

(See WHITE, page 7)