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'Eliminate Prejudice'

GOVERNOR PLACES "FULL RESOURCES" BEHIND CAMPAIGN

TAKING HIS CUE from a recent speech by President Lyndon B. Johnson at Howard University commencement exercises in the nation's capital, Gov. Grant Sawyer last Saturday pledged the full support of his administration toward the elimination of racial prejudice in the State of Nevada.

Addressing the Young Democrats state convention at the Riviera Hotel, Gov. Sawyer said, "I intend to commit the full resources of the state administration toward freeing Nevada of the stigma of prejudice."

Noting that Nevada's new civil rights law has opened "many doors" of opportunity to the colored people of this state, the governor said, "We are obligated to insure that all our people here in Nevada are equipped to move through those doors."

He said the new state law represents "our greatest victory against intolerance," but is only a beginning in the fight for equality.

"Our task," he declared, "is to give our thousands of Nevadans from minority groups the same chance the rest of us have, not just equality as a theory, but as a fact."

He said minority groups represent the greatest percentage of poverty. "By erasing the reasons for their poverty," the governor said, "we will bring equality much closer to reality."

He requested an intensification of programs under the War on Poverty.

"Our poor are not in that condition because they are lazy or stupid, or because that's the way they like things. They are poor because they made the mistake of being born to the wrong parents, in the wrong section of the country or in the wrong racial or ethnic group," Gov. Sawyer declared.

He told some 60 delegates that the Nevada Commission on Civil Rights of Citizens, which has been chaired by Bob Bailey of Las Vegas, is "empowered to enforce our new civil rights statutes" banning discrimination in public accommodations and employment. He said the state administration would back "active enforcement" of the law enacted by the 1965 legislature and "vigorous programs in defense of individual freedom."

It was reported that local realtor Bailey and James Hulse, University of Nevada professor, will be reappointed to the five-member commission. The other Southern Nevada who has been serving on the board, Al Landsman, resigned his post this week and will be replaced by another resident of this area.

Gov. Sawyer called for a re-evaluation of Nevada high school curriculums in order to

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PROJECT HEAD START UNDER WAY--Among those participating in Project Head Start pre-school training program at Highland School are (standing from left) Earl Brunner, Highland principal; Werner Wilkinson and Keith Roylance, social workers; Mary Bowen, Norma Johnson and Wayne Lytle, teachers. Seated (from left) are Patti Brewer, Florence Dorman, Leon Smith, Rose Rice and Faye Ivory, teachers. Highland School is one of several centers conducting program in this area.



YOUNG DEMO OFFICIALS--Gwen Weekes (center), discusses plans for attending New York national convention of Young Democrats in October with Virginia Catt (right), state president of group, and Marci Peterson, national committeewoman, following her election as delegate at state convention here last weekend. (See story this page)

19th Annual Session At St. James Church

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL and B.T.U. Congress of the Baptist Pride of the West District Association and Women's Auxilliary will conduct its 19th annual session at St. James Baptist Church, 341 Madison Ave., next Monday through Saturday, July 5 to 10.

Moderator will be the Rev. J. L. Simmons, St. James pastor, assisted by Rev. E. C. Kline, first vice moderator; Rev. A. B. Carr, second vice moderator; Rev. P. S. Walker, financial secretary; Rev. Leo Johnson, recording secretary; Deacon Oscar Hunt, treasurer; Rev. C. L. Alexander, chairman of the Evangelistic Board, and Rev. Leon Davis and Rev. Elijah Pullens, missionaries.

Congress officers are the Rev. J. L. Kemp, president; Sis. A. V. O'Neal, director general; Rev. Johnson, secretary; Sis. Esther Williams music director; Sis. Emily Ruth Mead, music director and pianist, and Sis. Rosie Carroll, assistant musician.

A pre-convention musical will be presented by various church choirs and other vocal groups on Monday at 7:30 p.m. Morning services and meetings will be held at 10 a.m. Tuesday through Friday and at 9:30 a.m. on Saturday. Afternoon sessions are scheduled for Tuesday at 12 noon,

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