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West, Bailey Acclaim 'Enlightening' Job Conference

"A MOST ENLIGHTENING EXPERIENCE." That was how VOICE publisher Dr. Charles I. West and Bob Bailey, chairman of the Nevada Equal Rights Commission, summed up the Conference of Community Leaders on Equal Employment Opportunity in Washington, D.C., last weekend.

Dr. West, Bailey and Assistant Attorney General Dan Walsh of Carson City represented Nevada at the two-day seminar conducted at the White House and the State Dept. Building. The conference was called by President Johnson for the express purpose of abolishing job discrimination in the United States through implementation of Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964.

Almost 500 representatives of federal, state and local government; business, labor, employment agencies, civil rights groups, churches and civic organizations attended the conference at the personal invitation of the President.

Franklin D. Roosevelt Jr., chairman of the new Commission on Equal Employment Opportunity, presided at the main sessions and Vice President Hubert H. Humphrey delivered the keynote address.

President Johnson brought the conference to a close with an inspiring address on the White House lawn, during which he pledged his continued efforts to eliminate "the ghettos of despair" in this country and denial of equal opportunity for minority groups.

"We shall overcome," he said, "and I am enlisted for the duration."

Although coverage of the conference by press services and TV networks featured the President's references to the recent riots in the colored sections of Los Angeles and his warning that repetition of "these unparalleled acts of violence in this nation" could wipe out all progress in civil rights, both Dr. West and

Bailey emphasized that Mr. Johnson's remarks were largely devoted to a constructive approach to the problem of discrimination and that many unpublicized facets of the conference would have far-reaching effects.

The most important phase of the conference according to Dr. West and Bailey was a series of panel discussions and workshops dealing with (1) Patterns of Discrimination, (2) Complaint Procedures and Federal-State-Local Relationships, (3) Discrimination Because of Sex, (4) Record Keeping and Reporting Requirements, (5) Apprenticeship and Training, including Upgrading of Skills, (6) Hiring, Promotion and Dismissal, and (7) Affirmative Action.

Reports on these workshops will be published in subsequent issues of the VOICE, prefaced by a simplified analysis of the federal "Equal Employment Opportunity Law" set forth in Title VII of the 1964 Civil Rights Act.

'New Deal' for Westside Riders As Bus System Changes Hands

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New Bus Manager Promises "Drastic" Reforms in Service

HERE'S GOOD NEWS for Westside patrons of the local bus system!

Gene Collins, resident manager for Gray Line West, new operator of the Las Vegas-centered public transit network, has unequivocally assured the VOICE that immediate steps are being taken to drastically revise bus service to and from the West Las Vegas area "in the best interests of our customers."

Collins said arbitrary "cut-outs" of scheduled "Westside" and "Vegas Heights" runs by certain drivers will be halted as quickly as the culprits can be detected. Admitting that Gray Line West had received "numerous complaints" about poor bus service to the Westside, Collins said his company is working out new routes and schedules that will provide "vastly improved" service throughout the system "under day and night supervision."

Exhaustive investigation by the VOICE has established that some drivers on the run north off the 'Strip' during peak-load periods have been pulling into the 4th and Fremont Sts. "terminal" five or more minutes late for the scheduled continuation of their runs to West Las Vegas and have been "ducking" the north-west loop through the Westside area in order to get away from the downtown terminal on time for their next run south along the 'Strip.' Other drivers apparently have "cut out" their West Las Vegas runs for no good reason. That is why many Westside-bound passengers have been forced to cool their heels at 4th and Fremont—or at various points along the West Las Vegas routes—for an additional half-hour or more before they can get transportation to or from the Westside.

COLLINS SAID HIS COMPANY was aware of these malfunctions and malingerings and was doing "everything possible to correct the deplorable situation."

"Preliminary examination of the West Las Vegas situation indicates that much of the trouble can be traced to the unrealistic extension of the sometimes overloaded 'Strip' runs to the Westside area," he said, adding that the situation



MISS AFRICA 1966--Lovely Sara Mitchell is interviewed by NBC reporter following her recent selection as "Miss Africa 1966" during Marcus Garvey Day celebration in Harlem Square, New York City. Marcus Garvey Day Celebration was sponsored by United African Nationalist Movement and Harlem Council for Economic Development.

had been aggravated during the taxicab strike. "It probably will be necessary to make the 'Strip' and West Las Vegas runs separate routes in order to get things straightened out."

It also was indicated that frequent breakdowns of the obsolete equipment now in use throughout the local bus system has contributed to the current "deplorable" situation. Collins

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KINDERGARTEN KIDS REGISTER, PARENTS DAY SLATED, SEPT. 8

PARENTS' DAY for kindergarten youngsters attending public schools will be held throughout the Clark County School District on Wednesday, Sept. 8, with parents invited to meet with kindergarten teachers. Kindergarten students will not attend school on Sept. 8.

Most elementary schools will register kindergarten students on Thursday and Friday, Sept. 2-3. Students eligible to attend kindergarten classes this fall must be five years old by Dec. 31, 1965, and parents are requested to furnish proof of birth at the time of registration. Health certificates are recommended, but not mandatory.

Actual classes for kindergarten students will be held Thursday, Sept. 9, and Friday, Sept. 10, when they will attend short sessions. Further details will be announced on Parents' Day. Regular kindergarten sessions start Monday, Sept. 13. Regular classes for all other grades in county schools start Tuesday, Sept. 7, the day after Labor Day.

Parents' Day has been organized to more fully introduce parents to the role of the school. Kindergarten teachers will present important information concerning school procedures and regulations and answer questions about the school.

County School Calendar

Aug. 30-Sept. 3 Orientation week, Sept. 2, 3 Registration days, Sept. 7 Classes start, Oct. 22 End of first 6 weeks (35 days), Nov. 11 Veterans' Day (No school), Nov. 25, 26 Thanksgiving vacation, Dec. 3 End of second 6 weeks (27 days), Dec. 22 (5 p.m.) Christmas vacation begins, Jan. 3 School reopens, Jan. 21 End of third 6 weeks (28 days), end of first semester (90 days); March 4 End of fourth 6 weeks (29 days), April 8-11 (inclusive) Spring vacation, April 15 End of fifth 6 weeks (28 days), May 30 Memorial Day (No school), June 3 End of sixth 6 weeks (34 days), End of second semester (91 days); June 3 End of school year (181 days). In-service training days: between Sept. 27 and Oct. 22 (one day), Jan. 17 and Feb. 11 one day.