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← SINGS NEW TUNE--World heavyweight boxing king Cassius Clay (right) couldn't get in ring fast enough to congratulate Floyd Patterson after two-time former champ defeated Canadian contender George Chuvalo earlier this year. But big Cass, who prefers Muslim moniker of Muhammad Ali, changed his tune on arrival in Las Vegas Tuesday to complete training for Convention Center defense of crown against Floyd on Nov. 22. "I'm gonna give the 'Rabbit' a good licking for saying mean things about me," said Clay-Ali. Undeclared Louisville sharpshooter works out at Stardust Hotel today at 1 p.m. New York's Patterson has next public drills scheduled for Saturday and Sunday at 3 p.m. in Thunderbird Hotel. (See story page 8.)



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Community Majority Vigorously Rejects Negro District Idea

STATE LAWMAKERS, currently engaged in trying to reapportion Nevada's legislative districts in conformance with the U.S. Supreme Court's "one man, one vote" edict, this week were mulling two resolutions from opposing segments of the Las Vegas colored community.

One resolution, drafted on Oct. 22 at an apparently constitutionally legal meeting of fewer than half the members of the Las Vegas NAACP executive committee, urged "the Governor and all Legislators to support a plan of reapportionment" that would include "a cohesive district laid out in Las Vegas which would guarantee representation to the Negro people of Clark County and a fair opportunity to elect representatives of their choice to serve them in the reapportioned legislature."

The other resolution, drawn up following a lively three-hour "town meeting" type of gathering at The Cove hotel (formerly the Carver House) last Sunday, Oct. 31, called on the Nevada Senate to avoid creating an election district here based on "race, color or creed."

It was emphasized by many who opposed the creation of a so-called "Jim Crow district" that they would be happy to see a Negro in the state legislature, not on the basis of his or his constituents' color, but because he possessed the ability to fairly and intelligently represent a well-defined and heavily populated geographical area with problems peculiar to the area.

THE SECOND RESOLUTION, reflecting the vigorously expressed views of a substantial majority of the West Las Vegas Negroes who attended Sunday's crowded open meeting, was (See STATE, page 14)

Lawn Rummage Sale

ANOTHER BIG RUMMAGE SALE will be conducted by Gamma Phi Delta Sorority this Friday and Saturday, Nov. 5-6, on the front lawn of the Allan Sanders' residence at 1314 N. 'D' St. (next to Ethel's Beauty Salon).

Sale hours on Friday will be from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; on Saturday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

"Bargains galore and something more-- quality goods in good condition," is the slogan devised by the sponsoring Alpha Rho Chapter for their pre-holiday "clearance sale."



WE SHALL OVERCOME--Four staunch batlers in Civil Rights cause pause to flash victory smiles at VOICE cameraman Clinton Wright during last weekend's Governor's Conference on Equal Rights of Citizens here. From left: Dep. Atty. Gen. Dan Walsh, VOICE publisher Dr. Charles I. West, Gov. Grant Sawyer and State Equal Rights Commission chairman William (Bob) Bailey. (See 'Who's Who' column, speeches by Gov. Sawyer and Dr. West in this issue.)

ADULT EDUCATION CLASSES STARTING

WOULD YOU LIKE to join other adults in improving your reading, arithmetic and knowledge of social studies? If so, enroll NOW in the free night classes starting at 7 p.m. next Monday, Nov. 8, at Kit Carson School, 1736 N. 'D' St.

All instruction, textbooks and materials are furnished without charge to students participating in this Adult Basic Education program, sponsored by the Vocational, Technical & Adult Education Dept. of the Clark County School District and largely financed by the federal government under provisions of the Economic Opportunity Act of 1964.

For complete information, call 384-7816 between 8 a.m. and 9 p.m. Monday through Thursday, and between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. on Friday.

Governor's Conference "BARE COMPLIANCE" WITH RIGHTS LAW TOO LITTLE--SAWYER

Few gains in civil rights would have been possible without laws, yet this force is not enough to bring about true equality, Gov. Grant Sawyer told an Equal Rights conference Friday, at the Mint Hotel.

"MY purpose is not to urge compliance with this statute, for I feel every Nevadan will fulfill the obligations placed upon him," Sawyer said about Nevada's 1965 civil rights law.

"Rather, I hope we will realize that bare compliance with the law is but a token on the debt of discrimination. In Nevada, too many of our people have only a token opportunity to participate fully in many areas of life."

THE fight for civil rights must be won hand-in-hand with the federal war on poverty, Sawyer said, so that minorities will be qualified to take advantage of the new-found opportunities.

(Following is the speech delivered by Gov. Grant Sawyer at The Mint Hotel in Las Vegas on Oct. 29 during the Governor's Conference on Equal Rights of Citizens.)

SEVEN MONTHS AGO, I signed AB 404, which became the 1965 Civil Rights Law. It was an historic event, made possible through the good will of Nevadans of different parties and different ethnic and racial origins, and we hailed the bill as the most significant move toward equality in 100 years of statehood.

Today we are gathered here to discuss the provisions of this law, which will enable us to more fully protect the rights of every citizen. My purpose is not to urge compliance with this statute, for I feel every Nevadan will fulfill the obligations placed upon him. Rather, I hope we will realize that bare compliance with the law is but a token on the debt of discrimination. A token is described in the dictionary as "A partial payment made, as a token of intention to pay the remainder of the debt later."

In Nevada, too many of our people have only a token opportunity to participate fully in many areas of life. A child's life expectancy, the environment which will shape his character, his earning power and his work career are fre-

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