

# WHO'S WHO and doing what

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UP YOU MIGHTY RACE, YOU CAN ACCOMPLISH WHAT YOU WILL--Marcus Garvey

This is the time and the place to dwell on the fact that the history of America is the history of the Negro, and if American history had been accurately chronicled there would be no need to set aside a special week each year to briefly survey the history of a People whose blood, brains, and backs have been immeasurable contributory factors to the growth, progress and strength of America.

The Americans of African descent have been in bondage on this continent for 400 years: 300 years of physical bondage and 100 years of political, cultural and social bondage. Yet from the day African slaves landed on American soil until the racially turbulent present, the black man's determination to achieve freedom and equality of opportunity has been the greatest single motivation in the lives of our long-oppressed people.



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And, of course, the Negro woman's role in this long and continuous struggle is unparalleled in the annals of history. She has been the bulwark of generations of fighters in the cause of freedom.

### MOTHERS OF FREEDOM . . .

Two such immortals are Sojourner Truth and Harriet Tubman, Civil War Underground Railway leaders whose bravery in guiding escaping slaves to freedom is legendary.

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No review of the American Negro Woman's achievements and contributions to a better America would be complete without the name of Mary Church Terrell, internationally known for her work on behalf of Women. She was a member of the Board of Education of Washington, D.C. and authored the revelatory book "A Colored Woman in a White World" . . . AND Mary M. Talbert, Spingarn Gold Medal Winner, and famous as an Organizer of Women's groups. . . Through her efforts, American Negro women organized in a successful campaign to purchase the home of Frederick Douglass and make it a National Shrine. She was a delegate to the International Council of Women held in Norway, and in Holland she was the guest of Queen Wilhelmina. . . Although Booker T. Washington, founder of Tuskegee Institute, is famed as an Educator, few know of the part his gracious wife played in helping to prepare graduating students to meet the challenge of "educated" Negroes seeking employment in other than unskilled labor.

Then, of course, there was the beloved Mary McLeod Bethune, founder of Bethune-Cookman College and the National Council of Negro Women who, on many occasions, was the guest of the late Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt. Mrs. Bethune left us with this beautiful legacy: I leave you love; I leave you hope; I leave you the challenge of developing confidence in one another; I leave you a thirst for education; I leave you respect for the use of power; I leave you faith; I leave you racial dignity; I leave you a desire to live harmoniously with your fellow men; I leave you, finally, a responsibility to our young people.

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It is my pleasure to include among the Negro Educators of America, the names of our own publisher's parents who are listed among Who's Who in Washington's 400 society. The mother of VOICE publisher, Dr. Charles I. West, Mrs. Rebekah West, a great lady of some 96 years young served as principal of three Washington, D.C. public schools. This gracious and charming dowager was born in Washington, D.C. and is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Mayer Baldwin. Her husband, the late Dr. Charles I.

## Represents Nevada In Scholarship Competition

## NAACP

## June Shagaloff Launches Education Committee Positive Action Program



WESTERN SCHOLAR--Western High School Senior Kathleen Cottrell, 18, has been named to represent Nevada in four-state Region VII Sargent Shriver Scholarship competition. A Neighborhood Youth Corps enrollee, Kathleen was selected by academic achievement and vocational progress. At right is her vocational counselor, Chuck Musser. In the center is Byron Snow, NYC In-School Coordinator. NYC Program offers almost 200 Clark County School District senior high students work training experience. (Clark County School Dist. Photo)



(The last issue of the VOICE incorrectly gave Kit Carson Elementary School as the location for Sunday's NAACP Special Program--The meeting will be held at Doolittle Recreation Center.)

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LAS VEGAS RESIDENTS will hear Miss June Shagaloff Sunday, March 13, 3 P.M. at Doolittle Recreation Center speak on de facto segregation and desegregation in the Clark County school system.

Miss Shagaloff is Special Assistant for Education of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, and in that capacity, directs action for public school desegregation in the North and West. She has also spearheaded similar projects in Georgia, Tennessee, Missouri, Delaware and Virginia.

While in Las Vegas, Miss Shagaloff will meet with the Clark County School District Planning Council to discuss existing local problems.

Emphasizing the necessity for initiation of the local NAACP's Positive Action Program, Education Committee Chairman Frank Anderson declared "The next 10 years could mark the greatest stride Negroes have realized in their struggle for equality in education in Las Vegas; or it may be just another 10 years of procrastination and promises from school officials.

"TIME HAS PROVEN that the thousands of surveys, studies, research programs, and endless files of statistics on the 'Negro Problem' are worthless without the application of positive action".

Everyone is urged to come out on Sunday to hear Miss Shagaloff at the Doolittle Recreation Center - 3 p.m.

## Senator Cannon To Speak At Demo Women's Installation Dinner

UNITED STATES SENATOR Howard Cannon met with committee members of the Womens Democratic Club West, Tuesday morning, to discuss plans for the Demo Women's Installation Dinner to be held Wednesday, March 8. Senator Cannon will be the principal speaker at the installation ceremonies and will disclose pertinent and encouraging information on the present and future growth and economy of Southern Nevada. Time and place for the upcoming Dinner will be announced at a later date when all plans have been finalized.

Breakfasting with the Senator on Tuesday at the Hob Nob on the Strip, where the meeting took place, were Gwen Weekes, Committee Chairman; Virgie Fitzgerald, Co-Chairman; Myrtle Banks, Sarah Hughes, Linda Ward, Glaydine Short, Sarah Ann Knight, and Avanelle Lewis.

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West, Sr. taught Surgical Anatomy at Howard University's School of Medicine, and was Chief Assistant Surgeon to Dr. Dan Williams of Freedman Hospital in Washington. "Dr. Dan" as he was affectionately known far and wide, (a Negro) performed the first successful surgery on the human heart.

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### LADY AMBASSADOR . . .

When President Johnson appointed Mrs. Pat Harris to the post of Ambassador to Luxembourg, it was with the knowledge that, in selecting a Negro woman envoy for a protocol post, he was fortunate, indeed, in obtaining the services of one of the highest qualifications.

Mrs. Harris was top scholar in her George Washington University graduating class and earned the coveted Phi Beta Kappa key. She has been a Howard Law Professor and a practicing attorney in Washington, D.C. as was her husband.

Ambassador Harris has served as a Y.W.C.A. Program Director, Executive Director of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, and Assistant Director of the American Council on Human Relations.

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