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## LEAGUE GEARS FOR UPCOMING CAMPAIGN

THE NEVADA VOTERS LEAGUE past presidents met at the Dunes Hotel last week to discuss plans for revitalizing the powerful Negro political organ.

Robert "Bobby" Johnson, political spokesman for a group of young Negro men and women, made a personal appeal to each of the former league presidents to get together at a supper meeting to formulate a workable program which would set the Nevada Voters League back into high gear.

The five former heads of the Voters League, Dr. Charles I. West, founder, Woodrow Wilson, Rev. V. C. L. Coleman, Dr. J. B. McMillan, and present chairman, Charles L. Kellar, accepted Johnson's suggestion and commended him for his initiative.

The Rev. V. C. L. Coleman, committed to a previous engagement could not attend the meeting at the Sultan's Table of the Dunes. However, Rev. Coleman expressed his enthusiasm with Johnson's plan in the form of a letter to the four past presidents who did attend.

The four men met with Bobby Johnson and were in complete accord that revitalization and a new image were essential to the future effectiveness of the Nevada Voters League. There was unanimous agreement by the former league presidents that the Voters League was the most important instrument available to give Nevada Negroes a voice in political affairs, and each committed himself to work untiringly for perpetuation of the organization.

West, Wilson, McMillan, and Kellar, individually, as well as collectively, agreed, in the interest of unity, to withdraw their names from any slate of future offices of the organization. They each committed themselves to reject any attempt from any source to be drafted for the chair of the League.

The past presidents, according to plans unanimously adopted at the Dunes meeting, agreed to offer their services in an advisory capacity. An honorary Past Presidents' Committee was planned. This committee would give the Nevada Voters League an accumulation of more than a half century of high echelon political wisdom.

DECISIONS OF THE Past Presidents' Committee would not be binding upon the League, but would be subject to acceptance or rejection by the Democratic process of majority rule of the membership, according to one proposal.

The past presidents will convene in the next few days to construct plans, in detail, for submission to the members who will be notified by announcements in the VOICE. (Watch the VOICE for important notices.)

Atty. Charles L. Kellar, chairman of record, will make a public announcement of the next Nevada Voters League meeting. The first order of business at the proposed meeting will concern membership, and second will be the setting of a date for the election of new officers. Election of new officers will however, be secondary to a massive membership drive.

ALL INTERESTED residents of the community who are qualified to register to vote, are eligible to become members of the Nevada Voters League. The joining fee is \$2.50. Annual dues are also \$2.50. At this writing, according to available records, all membership dues are

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## A HAPPY EASTER TO ALL!



Easter season is a time for renewing, rebuilding our lives, for better relationships with all mankind. Let us all strive to deserve our blessings!

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## Equal Rights Commission Sets Meet At Doolittle

IN RESPONSE TO A REQUEST from the Las Vegas VOICE to Bob Bailey, Chairman of the Equal Rights Commission that the Commission consider holding a meeting in the Westside Community, the Commission's Executive Secretary, James Anderson, announced this week that the Nevada Equal Rights Commission will hold a Community Informational Conference, Thursday, April 14 at Doolittle Recreation Center from 7:30 p.m. until 10 p.m.

Invitations will be sent to all community organizations, representatives of Economic Opportunity groups, and Juvenile Authorities to attend and participate in the scheduled Conference. It is hoped that all interested citizens will attend this meeting, also.

A time slot will be allotted for individuals to register complaints or grievances. There will be no discussion of such complaints, but there will be someone delegated to list the names of persons (or groups) and all pertinent data concerning the complaints which will be investigated, subsequently, by the Commission.

The VOICE commends the prompt action on the part of Nevada's Equal Rights Commission in response to the newspaper's suggestion that such a meeting in the Commission's principal target area would be healthy and beneficial for both the Commission and the Community. It is in line with the VOICE's confirmed philosophy that all avenues be explored and utilized to achieve better communication between all facets of the Community, the City and the State.

delinquent. Only financial members are entitled to vote on Voters League affairs. Members must therefore be financial to vote for officers.

Copies of the Constitution of the Nevada Voters League, Incorporated will be made available to bona fide members for a nominal fee of 50¢.

## On Job Training Opportunity Program Initiated

THE FIRST BOARD of directors meeting of the recently activated Clark County On Job Training Opportunity Council was held Wednesday evening, March 30 with five of the seven board members present. In attendance were Chairman, Ronald Riding; Rev. Marion Bennett, Co-Chairman; Edward Schick, Secretary; Ben Schmoutey, Willie Neal, and Staff Director, Wilbur Hardy.

On hand to discuss various aspects of the program with the OJT Board and Staff were representatives from the Department of Labor's Bureau of Apprenticeship and Training (BAT) --Morrie Skinner, Regional Director of "BAT"; "BAT's" State Supervisor, Lloyd Jones, and "BAT" Field Director, J. Mankins.

The purpose of the Clark County OJT Opportunity Council as set forth in its contract, is to develop OJT training projects in Clark County by sub-contracting with individual employers to provide compensated non-discriminatory job training opportunities for: those persons who have never been employed; those persons who are most difficult to place on jobs; disadvantaged and culturally deprived youth; those persons working at low-skill levels; those persons who have been displaced by automation or due to technological changes.

CHARLES L. WILLIAMS, owner of Quik Chek T.V. attended the Board of Directors' initial meeting with two of his trainees to sign the first sub-contract for OJT.

Employers who desire to secure trainees may contact Wilbur Hardy or Mrs. L. Brooks at 401 S. Third Street, Suite 405--384-5446. Individuals who wish training opportunities may contact the local Nevada State Employment Service.



QUIK CHEK T.V. owner, Charles Williams signs first local OJT Sub-contract for trainee, William Smith (l) as OJT Opportunity Council Staff Director, Wilbur Hardy, beams approval--Council's Board of Director's Co-Chairman (rear-left) and Ronald Riding, Clark County OJT Chairman (extreme right) register great interest in the Council's first tangible step forward.