

VITAL MEETING TONIGHT

WEST LAS VEGAS CITIZENS MEETING

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DEMOS

CONVENTION CALM AND "COLORFUL"

THE BIG NOISE at Winnemucca during the 1966 State Democratic Convention Friday and Saturday (May 6-7) was one of unity, harmony, and perfect order. Veteran delegates from all over the state agreed that the '66 Convention was the best organized and most productive in the annals of Democratic Conventions.

Nevada Democrats demonstrated unequivocally that theirs is truly the party of the people in the enthusiastic adoption of one of the strongest civil rights platforms ever introduced at a political convention and by the election of several of the Negro delegates to permanent convention posts.

Mrs. Eleanor Walker was Convention Secretary, Attorney Earle White was made Chairman of the Rules Committee, and Attorney Charles L. Kellar served as the Convention Parliamentarian. Miss Marjorie Elliott was elected to the State Central Committee.

Four of the Resolutions adopted by the Convention dealt with the problems of Nevada Negroes. Resolution #6 urged that the State Legislature provide sufficient funds for the Commission on Equal Rights of Citizens to fully carry forward its work as prescribed in the Act (Nevada's Equal Rights Law--July 1, 1965) with particular emphasis on providing and developing equal employment opportunities in Nevada.

RESOLUTION #7 (in cognizance of the fact that the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, under the direction of Secretary Robert Weaver, has proclaimed insuring of real estate mortgages cannot be withheld from citizens solely for reasons of race, creed, or color) supported that ruling with a two-part statement of resolution.

1. That the people of Nevada along with the executives and administrators of financial institutions within the state are urged to actively participate in the elimination of any form of segregated housing based on race, color, or creed.

2. That this convention urges the Nevada Congressional Delegation to fervently support President Johnson's proposal regarding discrimination in housing now before Congress.

THE CONVENTION also passed a resolution of strong opposition to defacto segregated schools, and urged rapid elimination of all forms of segregation in education.

In Resolution #12, the Convention went on record to urge all state, county and municipal officials to appoint Negroes and other minority groups members to all of the commissions, boards and councils which serve such officials in planning, policy and advisory capacities.

Highlight of the Convention was the Keynote Address delivered by Governor Grant Sawyer on Friday afternoon. The Governor's speech drew vigorous applause at least a dozen times and much laughter as he drolly pointed up the differences in the Nevada Republican Party's record and its pronouncements at the recent Republican Convention here in Las Vegas. At the conclusion of what was termed "one of the greatest speeches ever delivered to a convention", the Governor was accorded a standing

ovation.

In pointing out that the leaders of the Democratic Party have been, in large part, responsible for the programs that have marked the last decade of success for Nevada, and its fantastic growth, Sawyer called upon the delegates to remember that "this progress has been achieved over the objection of the opposition party. The Republican record of reaction and regression on the great social and economic questions of modern Nevada is clearly documented. Our party has moved--the other party has held back. One party has offered hope--the other has offered doubt. One party said 'Yes' to the people--the other said 'No'.

"Were Nevada Minorities to have equal opportunities? Was Nevada to diversify its economy through industrial development? Was Nevada to protect its great natural resources? Was Nevada to have superior education?" Sawyer said that the Republican Party answered 'No', year after year and that the record is clear and available.

On the issue of Civil Rights, the Governor stated "The record shows that until after the Congress passed a Federal Civil Rights law and public opinion could no longer be denied, the Lieutenant Governor and Republican leaders generally were intractable in their opposition to civil rights legislation". As factual evidence, he reminded that "In 1963, all eight Democratic Senators stood ready to support such legislation and needed just one Republican vote in the Senate. The Lieutenant Governor called a caucus of the nine majority REPUBLICANS who MARCHED TOTAL OPPOSITION TO CIVIL RIGHTS LEGISLATION".

"This Democratic administration", the Governor added, "has been calling for such legislation at every session since 1959". Sawyer said "The personal views of the Lieutenant Governor as reflected in public statements made by him on this matter are of such a disgraceful character that I shall not repeat them here".

In discoursing on the Lieutenant Governor's 'turn about face' since he became candidate for Governor, Sawyer said that at the Republican Convention, the Lieutenant Governor simply took the position that they needed more votes than he received last time.

"Now he didn't become maudlin about it, nor did he try to fool anyone--he didn't even pretend that the newly-discovered interest in the minorities or labor should be based upon anything more serious than an attempt to get votes. Neither he nor his party suggested that the party should be interested as a matter of principle, morality, compassion or political philosophy. The whole thing is simply a matter of getting votes, they all happily explain".

GOVERNOR SAWYER said that free choice is the strength of the Democratic Party and that spirited primaries strengthens the party and the democratic process. "We do not pre-select behind closed doors".

"When the nominees are selected", the Governor concluded, "We want a united Party behind our candidates--We will work, We will win, but We will do so with Honor".

VOTERS LEAGUE

A mass meeting of community citizens will be held on Thursday, May 12, 8 p.m. at the Elks Lodge, corner 'E' and Jackson streets.

Purposes of the organizational reactivation meeting are:

- (1) Payment of at least 50¢ of annual dues-- (\$2.50 total may be paid in installments.)
- (2) Discussion of constitution.
- (3) Plans for the election of new officers in July.
- (4) Plans for voter registration drive.

Earl Grant And Friends



EARL GRANT, who closed at the Fremont Hotel's Fiesta Room Wednesday night, whoops it up backstage with old buddy, Dr. Charles West, and new friend, Governor Grant Sawyer.

PHIL WADDELL WEDS

'Tis a Merry Month of May, indeed, for Phil Waddell, former editor of the VOICE and editor-publisher of the defunct Examiner newspaper. Sunday afternoon at the Second Baptist Church with the Rev. V. C. L. Coleman and the Rev. Prentiss Walker officiating, the 41-year-old former Detroitier will wed Marva Manning, 23-year-old singer from Kansas City, Kansas.

MISS MANNING who is a recording artist under the Capitol Records label met Impresario Waddell only a week ago when he booked her into the Cove Hotel. The reception following the wedding will be held at the Cove Hotel Sunday afternoon at 4 o'clock.

Monday night Waddell debuted his new KENO radio show broadcast live from the Cove Hotel. Phil's show can be heard from 11 to 12:30 every night except Sunday featuring R & R and Rhythm and Blues records along with guest artists interviews. He will also answer telephone requests.

Having passed the required engineer's test, Waddell is in possession of a FCC license and will serve as his own engineer as well as program director.

ATTENTION

Unemployed youth from low income families who are between 16 and 21 years old, and out of school, may seek part-time work with the Neighborhood Youth Corps. Jobs are available in numerous fields of work including maintenance, secretarial, teacher aides, and child monitors. Please inquire at Youth Opportunity Center 629 Las Vegas Blvd., No., or call 382-8942.