

**POWELL HITS DRAFT DEFERMENT TESTS**

**HAILS FALL OF "WHITE POWER STRUCTURE"**

Vocal as only he can be, Congressman Adam Clayton Powell of New York lashed out against the "undemocratic and Hitlerian" draft deferment tests during a lecture at Brown University in Providence, R. I., last week.

ATTACKING THE injustices of the war in Viet Nam and general discrimination against black citizens in America, the Chairman of the powerful Health, Education and Labor Committee

said "The wretched horn that summons the black man to die in Viet Nam blows a cacophony of hypocrisy and fakery. . .we black nurslings have stood outside in the cold, barren fields, watching hungrily as white gluttons gorged themselves on the nourishing delights of democracy. . .a democracy practiced only for those with white skins". "This is why I oppose the war in Viet Nam," Powell emphasized. "This is why I oppose even

more vigorously the undemocratic and Hitlerian draft deferment tests which would 'select out' the culturally gifted and conscript for cannon fodder the intellectually deprived'.

Likening the draft deferment tests "which have been chiseled in the same marble of white supremacy from which the Berlin Walls of separate but unequal education were erected" to (See POWELL, page 13)

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**NYC Enrollee Attends National Conference**



JO ANN JACKSON, NYC enrollee and Dale Longhurst, local NYC Project Director who represented the State of Nevada at the recent Neighborhood Youth Corps' National Conference.

Pretty Jo Ann Jackson, who represented the Clark County NYC project at the Neighborhood Youth Corps National Conference held early this month in St. Louis, Missouri, was the only enrollee so honored from the state of Nevada, and one of only three enrollees selected to attend the Conference from all the Western States.

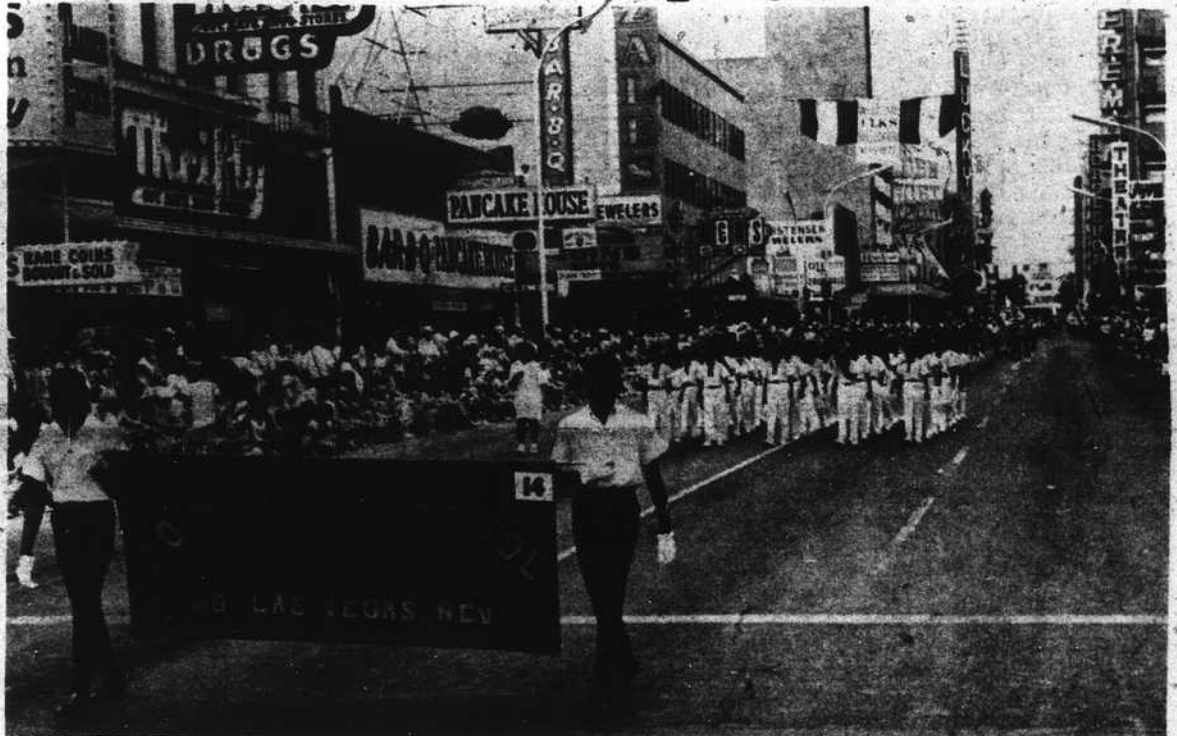
MISS JACKSON, an 18-year-old enrollee from NYC's Out-of-School project who is assigned to work in the Personnel Department of the City of Las Vegas, attended the Conference with Doyle B. Longhurst, NYC Project Director for Clark County. Approximately fifty youths from the entire nation had been invited, on a highly selective basis, to participate in the National Conference of Neighborhood Youth Corps Project Directors and delegates. The enthusiasm for and the success of the first NYC Conference is best exemplified by the fact that a total of 800 were invited and 1200 attended.

Experiencing her first plane ride as well as her first experience as a delegate to a Conference, Miss Jackson was as thrilled and excited over the trip as the Clark County office of the NYC is proud of the Nevada delegate. Longhurst reported that Miss Jackson participated very capably and proved a credit to "our program and our community".

Jo Ann Jackson has lived in Las Vegas since July, 1965 and enrolled in the Neighborhood Youth Corps in September, 1965. She is from Roswell, New Mexico and her parents are William and Lena Huntsman.

As a delegate to the Conference, Jo Ann gained

**Heldorado Trophy Winner**



THEY WERE YOUNG AND WONDERFUL - All the entries in Saturday's Heldorado "Young Timers' Parade, but the most wonderful of all were our Young Timers from the Jo Mackey School who were the winners of the Grand Entry Prize -- For more of our wonderful and superb Young Timers, see page 10.

a broader understanding of the entire concept of the Neighborhood Youth Corps--its present varied programs and projects as well as its significant accomplishments.

KEYNOTE SPEECH of the Conference was given by Secretary of Labor, Willard Wirtz who commented that "the record of the past eighteen months of the War on Poverty had demonstrated that "the American people have done more to make the Golden Rule a national as well as personal ethic, than have any people in any country in any comparable period in history". Wirtz also said that "everything done so far should have been done before and much is still to be done in the future".

The primary goal of the Neighborhood Youth Corps is to make every effort to assure American boys and girls a fair chance during the critical years between 16 and 21. To date, over a half million boys and girls have participated in Neighborhood Youth Corps programs, performing over one hundred million man hours of useful work and receiving over one hundred twenty-five million dollars in earnings.

Almost one thousand local projects are in operation today in every state, and in Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands. Current national enrollment is near 200,000 with over a potential 1.7 million youngsters estimated to be eligible for the program.

Directors of the program point out that though they are not satisfied with the progress that has been made to date, they are considerably en-

couraged. Results are hard to measure, but many gains have been noted. The youth unemployment rate has decreased from 13.9% in January to 10.7% at present. School drop-out rates have been cut in all areas of the nation significantly, and in some areas to mere fractions of the previous rate. Absenteeism has decreased in school along with a measureable improvement in grades.

ONE OF THE MOST encouraging factors is that while juvenile delinquency and crime rates for the nation have been rising in one city after another, where NYC programs have been developed, these rates have dropped. Major cities have reported as follows: Covington, Kentucky 14%; Newark, New Jersey 10%; Oakland, California 19%; Cincinnati, Ohio 42%; Detroit, Michigan 20%.

Delegates to the Conference were addressed by eminent Educators, Sociologists and NYC Executives and Administrators. After each speech, group discussions were held on the subject matter of the Speaker the delegates had just heard.

Such a wealth of information was garnered by the Nevada representatives, that both Doyle Longhurst, Clark County Project Director and Jo Ann Jackson, have offered to make themselves available for meeting with any groups interested in detailed information on either the Conference or the programs of the Neighborhood Youth Corps Project. Interested persons or groups should call 382-8942 and ask for Mr. Longhurst.