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PAPER WORK--Albert Crosby makes out formal application for Pilgrimage.



HELLO AMERICA --Entire contingent pose before Statue of Liberty at Desert Inn. . . 1st row (l-r) Vernon Soto, Jr., Hawaii; Paulette Krick, Las Vegas High; Darlene Wilcox, Barstow, Calif.; Wanda De Vall, Oceanside, Calif.; Kristine Nagy, Hawthorne, Nev.; Jeff Miller, Panorama City, Calif.; Delight Guski, Las Vegas High. . . 2nd row (l-r) Wanda Huggins, Santa Paula, Calif.; John Merrill, Las Vegas High; Cathy Craig, San Diego, Calif.; Al Crosby, Las Vegas High; Phyllie Sladek, Santa Maria, Calif.; Dean Nakagawa, Pearl City, Hawaii--3rd row (l-r) Joe Riley, Clovis, Calif.; Carol Locke, Upland, Calif.; Ron Cardin, Ontario, Calif.; Linda Bjorklund, China Lake, Calif.; David Luippold, Long Beach, Calif.; Nancy Earl, Oxnard, Calif.



PACKING--Al and mother, Mrs. Rosa Lee Brooks cram a lot of excited packing of a brand new wardrobe in a given little bit of time.



ACTUALITY--Minutes after Al Crosby had officially become a delegate pilgrim (l-r) Rev. Welles Miller, Al, District Judge John Mowbray (who did the honors), and Dr. West.



LAS VEGAS PILGRIMS and officials (front - l-r): L. L. Burt, Past Grandmaster of I.O.O.F.; Wm. D. Nutter of Globe, Arizona, Tour Director; K. O. Knudson, Grandmaster, I.O.O.F.; Frances M. Golden of Honolulu, Hawaii, Tour Chaperone; Dr. Charles I. West, Roy E. Case, Sec., local I.O.O.F. Back row (l-r) Paulette Krick, John Merrill, Delight Guski, Albert Crosby, delegates from Las Vegas High School.

Training for Tomorrow's Leadership

A dedicated, prayerful minister, a determined, enthusiastic publisher, a loving, astute mother, and a bright, prepared youngster proved to be an unbeatable combination as evidenced by the fact that 17-year-old Albert Crosby, as a member of the 17th Annual United Nations Pilgrimage for Youth, is now traveling by chartered bus on a "once in a lifetime" trip headed for an unmatched and unforgettable experience.

That Al is actually a part of the Pilgrimage is all the more remarkable in that, until Monday afternoon, only one of the four mentioned knew anything about the Pilgrimage, at all.

DURING THE PAST 16 years, the Odd Fellows and Rebekahs of the United States and Canada have invested over 3 million dollars on the Annual United Nations Pilgrimages for Youth, the purpose of which is to instill patriotism for country by having high school students see the freedom centers of the American Heritage.

On Monday afternoon, Reverend Welles Miller, Nevada State Chairman of the Annual Pilgrimage called on Dr. Charles West at his Medical Office with a dream and a problem. A student from Northern Nevada, scheduled to make the trip, had cancelled out, and Reverend Miller was possessed with the idea that he would like to see a Negro youth as a replacement. . . Monumental obstacles were time and finance.

It was first necessary to find a youngster who met the required qualifications to be a pilgrim, and then someone willing to defray the youngster's expenses would also have to be found.

Reverend Miller's zeal and enthusiasm that it be a Negro youngster rubbed off on the VOICE publisher, Dr. West, who stayed up most of the night sending out S.O.S.'s for a possible recruit, having already made the decision that the VOICE would serve as financial angel.

BOTH DR. WEST and Al Crosby credit Earl Wynn, Executive Secretary of the Equal Rights for Citizens Commission for making the dream come true. . . Because of the emergency of limited time, with the hours slipping away, it seemed absolutely hopeless to find a VOICE pilgrim in time, but due to Wynn's indefatigable efforts, Al Crosby was found in time and recruited.

On Tuesday morning, Wynn gave Dr. West Albert's name and address. The Doctor rushed to the boy's home, explained the program to his mother, Mrs. Rosa Lee Brooks, 800 'J' Street, who was proud and excited that her son met the qualifications. There was a clothing problem that the Doctor quickly resolved and at four o'clock that afternoon, Al and Dr. West were at the Desert Inn to meet the chartered bus arriv-

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