

JACKIE ROBINSON WARNS AGAINST "GO-ALONG-NEGROES"

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Park Dedicated To Memory Of Vietnam Hero

CHICAGO-(NPI)--A beautiful park on the city's lake front and near the famed Loop business district was dedicated Sunday--under a bright sun, in the spirit of peace--to the memory of Pfc. Milton Lee Olive III, who won the nation's highest military award, the Congressional Medal of Honor, for heroism in Viet Nam. Federal, State and local officials and special military units participated in the impressive ceremonies.

Secretary of Housing and Urban Development Robert C. Weaver, who represented President Lyndon B. Johnson, described young Olive as a distinguished son of Chicago who gave his life, not in the act of killing, but in saving his comrades. The 18-year-old paratrooper was killed in Viet Nam last October when he threw himself on an enemy-tossed grenade, saving the lives of four companions.

"We are honoring him today in dedicating this park to his memory," Weaver said. Weaver, the first Negro to serve in the Cabinet of a United States President, said that naming of the park for Milton Lee Olive is a "positive contribution to his people's future in Chicago."

In his dedicatory speech, Mayor Richard J. Daley declared: "As we honor him, we are honoring also the thousands of men in the battle lines of Viet Nam."

A MONUMENT, bearing a bronze plaque commemorating the young paratrooper's bravery, was unveiled by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Milton L. Olive II (9414 S. Vernon) and Mayor Daley. The young hero's father, who earlier this year accepted his sons posthumous award from President Lyndon B. Johnson, said the ceremony had deep significance on "the promulgation of American democracy."

The Chicago City Council unanimously adopted a resolution, introduced by Mayor Daley, naming the park for Olive "in thoughtful recognition of the honor and distinction which Olive brought to the City of Chicago by reason of his gallantry."

The bronze plaque and bust of Olive, in paratrooper battle dress, are located in a 10 1/2-acre park near the city's Central District Water Filtration plant. The park contains 115,000 flowers and shrubs and five circular pools with jets of water that are illuminated at night.

AS THE MONUMENT was being unveiled, the chorus of the Chicago Symphony Orchestra, under the baton of Ronald Schweitzer, sang "Battle Hymn of the Republic." At the same time, the Golden Knights, a crack U.S. Army parachute team from Fort Bragg, North Carolina, jumped in salute to airborne infantryman Olive.

Fighter planes from the 182nd Technical Fighter Group, Illinois Air National Guard, Peoria, Ill., roared overhead and a 50-gun salute, representing each of the 50 wards of Chicago, was fired by the 122nd Field Artillery, 33rd Division, Illinois National Guard, in tribute to Pfc. Olive.

AMONG DIGNITARIES participating in the ceremony was Stanley R. Resor, Secretary of the Army. Also participating in the ceremony were Fifth Army band and detachments from the U.S. Marines, U.S. Air Corp, and the Coast Guard.

The Rev. Herbert W. Jones, pastor, Hope Presbyterian church, gave the invocation. Other dignitaries included Bishop Lewis H. Ford, pastor, St. Paul Church of God in Christ, and Russell R. DeBow, Administrative Assistant to Mayor Daley.

A Time To Feel Ashamed

By John P. West

There's a time to be happy and a time to be sad, a time for work and a time for play, and most importantly, there's a time to feel proud and a time to feel ashamed. Mr. and Mrs. West Las Vegas, this is NOT your time to feel proud.

LAST SATURDAY evening, the total lack of community response to a party given for Chuck's All American Boys Club at Sugar Hill, was a good indication of how the citizens of West Las Vegas feel about the present needs and the future of their youngsters.

Although Chuck personally believes that excuses should be made for the poor showing of West Las Vegas, I do not, and will not countenance any excuse. There have been enough excuses given throughout the years for the indifferent and 'don't give a damn' attitude of the West Las Vegas community.

While Negroes and Caucasians are marching in the South at the risk of death in order to get Negroes registered to vote, the citizens of West Las Vegas are asking "how much does it cost to register?", or "I'm going to register later". Everything is always going to be done later. Well, Mr. and Mrs. West Las Vegas, it is already later than you think.

The callous indifference resulting in a shamefully poor turn-out and showing from our community is evidenced by the fact that there were from 8 to 12 Negroes at the party--this pitiful handful out of a community of 20,000. In addition to money received for drinks purchased across the bar, there were two donations.

Mr. and Mrs. Otis Harris and Assemblyman Austin H. Bowler were the Las Vegas who thought enough of the youngsters of West Las Vegas to contribute their time and money at the party, Saturday.

THESE PERSONAL observations are in no way meant to discredit or ignore contributions made to Chuck for the Club of which I am not cognizant. In his own sports column, Chuck lists those business concerns and individuals who have aided the Boys Club. It is his intention, I believe, to continue this practice. My censure is directed to the West Las Vegas community at large.

I would like to take this time to express my deepest thanks and appreciation to Mr. and Mrs. Otis Harris, Assemblyman Bowler, and the 8 to 12 West Las Vegas who did show, for saving Las Vegas from the stigma of total apathy concerning its Negro youth.

I would also like to express my appreciation to Bob Bailey and his staff at Sugar Hill for all their help, and to Lloyd Armstrong for his deep concern for Negro youth of the community. It is my sincere hope that some day, in the not too distant future, there will be more of your fellow citizens showing the concern that you have individually expressed for Chuck and his boys.

Believe me, friends, without the people of WEST Las Vegas, there won't be an All American Boys Club. It's just as simple as that.

*A Good Thing to Remember
And A Better Thing to Do
Is to Work for the Construction Gang
And NOT the Wrecking Crew*

Let Us Remember We Are Negroes First

By Alice Key

In a recent release of his syndicated column, "Jackie Robinson Says", the former baseball great makes some interesting observations on the upcoming California gubernatorial race, and a pertinent commentary on Negro Republicans who believe they should support any Republican candidate in the interest of party unity.

Jackie Robinson's deep concern is particularly noteworthy because he is a Republican and recently resigned from his position with an Eastern business concern to accept a post with New York's Governor Nelson Rockefeller.

The particular column to which I have reference is headed "Reagan Win Proves Barry Not Dead", and so that there can be no question of misquoting or misinterpreting Mr. Robinson's remarks, the VOICE takes the liberty of reprinting the column in its full text.

THE POLITICAL situation in California as far as the Governor's race is concerned is so akin to that here in Nevada, it is my feeling Nevada Negroes would do well to heed the words of a Negro Republican about Republican candidates with the "smarts".

I can only hope it will make the same impression on other readers as it did on this writer. It galvanized me into making a decision I had been agonizing over. My concern over Ronald Reagan as possible Governor of California at least equals Jackie Robinson, and I have not been able to sleep well at nights over the circumstance that found me away from home unable to work against his election and for Governor Edmund G. Brown.

Unlike Jackie Robinson, I am a Democrat, but like him, I believe wholeheartedly in the two-party system. I would only wish that all Democratic office holders offered their constituents the kind of true representation as does the likes of Republicans Senator Thomas Keuchel of California, Javits, Rockefeller, and Lindsay of New York and Romney of Michigan, to name the few who come quickly to mind.

AFTER READING Jackie's column, I realized that though circumstance prevented me from going into action for Governor Brown of California, there was nothing to stop me from "working like the devil" to prevent Nevada's Lieutenant Governor, Paul Laxalt's election to the Governor's seat.

In my sincere opinion, Governors Brown and Sawyer have been the ablest Governors for their respective states in those state's history. Both are brilliant administrators with a like problem of incredible growth, and unquestionably both are dedicated to the best interests of the vast majority of residents in their states who need their leadership and representation the most. This is clearly indicated in the programs that have been initiated and advanced in the states of California and Nevada.

You just have to be some kind of a nut not to work to keep a man you know is in your corner. So, inasmuch as I now qualify by tenure of residence in Governor Sawyer's great state, I am now going to change my voting residence, and do all I can to see that he remains the Governor of Nevada.

Now read what "Jackie Robinson Says", and remember that everything he says of Reagan is also true of Nevada's ambitious Lt. Governor.

"I hate to say 'I told you so.' But I did. I've been trying to point out--quite often--in this column that Senator Barry Goldwater may have
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