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Governor At Elks Hall Friday



Leo A. Johnson, a long-time stalwart of the Democratic Party and Nevada Civil Rights leader, today filed for the Assembly from District Four.

Johnson, a ten-year resident of Las Vegas, narrowly missed an Assembly bid two years

ago by less then 100 votes.

Born in Kingston, Jamaica, 42 years ago, he became a U.S. citizen in 1953 and became a station Chief for the U.S. Weather Bureau in which position he moved to Las Vegas where he was assigned to Nellis AFB.

Johnson was previously the Materiel Controller for the super-scientific EG&G, before being named senior coordinator of the Neighborhood Youth Corps by the Federal government.

JOHNSON SAID he will campaign on complete representation for all the people in his district in the Assembly with emphasis on improved education and equal employment for all Southern Nevada Residents.

He received his education at the Kingston Technical College in Jamaica with a degree in mathematics; St. Simon's Theological Seminary, also in Kingston; the United States Air Force Meteorology School and Nevada Southern Uni-

Johnson is adjutant and legislative officer for the Fred Pennington VFW Post; a member of the board of Operation Independence; Southern Nevada Personnel association, Las Vegas; Toastmasters Windjammers; Clark County Democratic Voters Committee; Clark County Democratic Central Committee; a board of the Frontier Girl Scouts Council; a member of Elks Lodge, Paran 1508: Masonic Rising Sun #4 along with a number of citizen's committees, civic and religious organizations.

He is also secretary to the Pride of the West District Association and the Christian Fellow-

ship Federated Association.

Johnson is an ordained minister of the Bap-(See JOHNSON, page 16)



WILLIE NEAL, Exalted Ruler of Paran Lodge of the I.B.P.O.E.W. assures Governor Grant Sawyer that everything is "go" for the popular Governor's 66 initial Campaign appearance in West Las Vegas tomorrow night, Friday, July 8 at the Elks Hall, corner 'F' & Jackson streets at 9 p.m.

Although the Governor is a frequent visitor to the Westside, attending various community events, tomorrow night's public meeting, under the auspices of the local chapter of the Elks will mark Sawyer's first presentation on the Westside as a candidate for re-election in the upcoming Primary.

Exalted Ruler Neal reminds everyone that tomorrow night's meeting is a public one, and the public is urged to attend.

Los Angeles Man Convicted Of Plot To Kill Off Negro Population

LOS ANGELES - (NPI)--Sun Valley welder Herman Lee Henry was found guilty in a nonjury trial in Superior court last week of plotting the destruction of the entire Negro population in the nation, through the sale of a poisonous gelatine to members of the race at a discount.

Convicted on two counts of solicitation to commit murder—an act described by Judge Maurice T. Leader as "a diabolical plan, well, preconceived to eradicate the Negro population"—Henry will be sentenced on July 27. He could receive up to 10 years in prison.

HENRY, WHO WAS arrested last March by three undercover agents, was accused of conceiving an elaborate scheme to send free food samples--laden with poison--to almost every Negro in the country. He proposed to establish four central national distribution points, manned by aides, to obtain effective saturation. The samples would have consisted of easily alterable foods--powdered galatine desserts--each containing an unspecified poison and a dose of chloral hydrate (knockout drops). The latter

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