

Powell's Fight Is Our Fight

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For Auld Lang Syne, My Dears

Eye Of The Hurricane



SHOULD AULD ACQUAINTANCE BE FORGOT--NEVER, as was evidence at the "Loser's Party" hosted by the Elk's Paran Lodge #1508 at the Elk's Hall Friday night... Former Governor Grant Sawyer defied the inclement weather to be at the affair attended also by John Foley, unsuccessful candidate for Lt. Governor, and Ralph Denton, two-time loser for Congressional seat of Walter Baring... Among the many friends who came to have a ball (and were unqualifiedly successful) were Gwen Weekes, sandwiched between Foley (left) and Sawyer, Sarah Ann Knight (comfortably separating Sawyer and H. P. Fitzgerald)... Slightly visible in the background are Ida Mae Crockett and Ralph Denton, And, if you look very closely, you can glimpse the Elk's Exalted Ruler, Willie Neal, whose imaginative idea the affair was.



NEW YORK CONGRESSMAN Adam Clayton Powell will be in Washington on Monday to fight any efforts to depose him as Chairman of the powerful Education and Labor Committee... Meanwhile, Negroes have rallied to his support in unprecedented fashion. Over a hundred ministers and civil rights leaders staged a mammoth rally in New York calling on Negroes throughout the nation to register disapproval of action against Powell by demonstrating in every municipality on January 10.

LOMAX IN TOP SPOT AS PEACE NEGOTIATOR

LOS ANGELES - (NPI)--Author Louis Lomax's visit to North Viet Nam could be instrumental in arranging a peace settlement between the United States and the Communist country, it was revealed last week.

LOMAX, IT WAS noted, is the first American to go to North Viet Nam with a valid passport. The country is ordinarily off limits to American citizens.

In North Viet Nam, Lomax could turn out to be a valuable contact between the country's Communist rulers and the American officials. Since Lomax will be in North VIET Nam, not as State Department representative nor a violator of U.S. passport regulations, he will be in a position to be an impartial "go-between" between the U.S. and North Viet Nam governments.

His being a Negro, in a Far East country which is itself non-white, could also help thaw North Vietnamese officials and move them toward consideration of peace terms. Lomax was to visit North Vietnamese President Ho Chi Minh and Premier Pham Van Dong, among others.

While he was briefed by U.S. officials before he left, he stressed that he was not an "agent of the State Department."

JUDGE Robert Reid

Attorney Robert Reid will be sworn in as Municipal Court Judge in the City Clerk's office at City Hall tomorrow (Friday, Jan. 6) at 9 a.m.

Famed Negro Architect Designs Air-Cab System

LAS VEGAS - (NPI)--An "air-cab" transportation system which could revolutionize the nation's transit systems has been designed by a noted Negro architect.

Paul R. Williams of Los Angeles, has designed a system calling for building a 17-1/2 mile elevated network. Tiny four-passenger gondolas, capable of speeds up to 30 miles an hour, would be suspended from the network.

THE SYSTEM could carry 16,000 passengers an hour to 15 separate stops. It would link the city's downtown center with McCarran Airport. The air-cab idea is expected to be copied by other cities having traffic congestion problems, promoters of the system say.

"From its first day of operations, the cab will instantly remove untold amounts of congestion from the sidewalks and roadways of Las Vegas," the backers said.

Williams has designed such West Coast landmarks as the Los Angeles International airport, Saks Fifth Avenue of Beverly Hills, the County of Los Angeles House, and the Botany building at the University of California, Los Angeles.

Dr. King On Sabbatical

ATLANTA - (NPI)--Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., has announced that he will write a book analyzing the civil rights movement during a two-month leave.

Dr. King was said to be on his way to the Bahamas to rest and write his book.

THE BOOK, tentatively titled, "Where Do We Go From Here?" will evaluate progress in the rights movement, the white backlash, implications of the black power slogan, and federal priorities.

NAACP INSTALLATION

Installation ceremonies for newly elected officers of the Las Vegas Branch of the NAACP (National Association for the Advancement of Colored People) will be held Sunday, January 8, 3 p.m. at the Doolittle Recreation Center.

Mrs. Sarah Ann Knight, committee chairman responsible for the afternoon's program announced that Dr. James I. Mason, District Superintendent of Schools will be Guest Speaker and entertainment highlights will feature the talents of the celebrated Checkmates (currently appearing at Caesar's Palace) and Mrs. Grace McGlothen's choral group which will open the program with the Negro National Anthem "Lift Every Voice".

J. David Hoggard, a past president of the local branch, will trace the history of the Las Vegas NAACP chapter, and Attorney Earle White will discuss legislative bills and decisions of the United States Supreme Court fostered by the National Association and represented by the organization's Legal Redress Committee. One of the first orders of business of the local branch under the new slate of officers is an intensive membership drive, and Mrs. Peggy Smith will make the membership kickoff pitch.

Officers to be installed by the Reverend Donald Clark are: Attorney Charles L. Kellar, President; Lamar McDaniel, First Vice President; Rev. Marion Bennett, Second Vice President; Floyd Plymouth, Secretary; Mrs. Stella Fears, Assistant Secretary; and Attorney Earle White, Jr., Treasurer.