

■ Kennedy Speaks On Powell And Civil Rights ■

New York's Junior Senator, Robert Kennedy, (sounding incredibly like local TV station KORK's Red McIlvaine) appeared on an early network show Wednesday morning to be queried on his reaction to President Johnson's State of the Union address delivered before the joint houses of Congress the evening previously.

AT THE CLOSE of the interview, the boyish appearing liberal Democrat was asked to quickly express his views on the action taken

against Congressman Adam Clayton Powell, and what affect that action would have on the Democratic Party and the Civil Rights Movement.

With none of the care he had exercised in answering previous questions during the interview, the young Senator from New York said that his feeling was that it could have no affect on the Democratic Party--that Republicans had voted unanimously against Powell, while Demo-

crats had reacted and voted differently.

As it affected the Civil Rights Movement, he unhesitatingly expressed his opinion that it would cause questions of the hypocrisy of Congressmen who voted against seating the Negro Congressman from New York. He pointed out, as Powell had, this had never happened before.

It would appear that Robert Kennedy is no dilettante with civil rights, and he just may be the Democrat's hope in a perilous situation.

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Judge Robert Reid - Friends

New NAACP Prexy



ATTORNEY CHARLES KELLAR expresses his gratitude to NAACP members and guests for unprecedented show of community unity at Installation Ceremonies.

It is apparent that the Las Vegas branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People has been imbued with new life, new hope, new determination to meet the goals of the nation's senior civil rights organization. Last Sunday's program at Doolittle Center, so excellently presented for the purpose of installing officers of the local branch, revealed an unexpected involvement of community figures and portended an unprecedented zeal among Las Vegas Negroes to close ranks in solidarity to achieve, through the NAACP, a future of justice and equality for the Negro.

Co-chairman of the auspicious occasion, Mrs. Sarah Ann Knight and Mrs. Virgie Fitzgerald, expressed delight and gratitude to both their committee members and all others who worked so assiduously to make the event the success it unqualifiedly was.

ATTORNEY Charles Kellar, who heads the new regime which includes LaMar McDaniel, 1st Vice President; Rev. Marion D. Bennett, 2nd Vice President; Floyd Plymouth, Secretary; Stella Fears, Ass't Secretary; and Attorney Earle White, Jr., Treasurer, named 15 committee heads to insure implementation of the '67-'68 program of the local branch.

In his acceptance speech, Kellar noted four immediate goals for the local branch... (1) That everyone in the community will become active in the struggle. (2) Quality education for every child. (3) More and better jobs in every facet of employment for the Negro in Las Vegas. (4) Removal of every vestige of police disrespect for the Negro citizenry.

Already scheduled for the organization is a Freedom Fund Banquet to be held February 13 at the Mint Hotel with Jackie Robinson as Guest Speaker. Jimmy Gay is in charge of arrangements. On February 19, at the next regular meeting of the local branch, Dr. Charles I. West will speak on "Black Power--What Does It Portend For the Negro?"



ALL THINGS WORK TOGETHER FOR GOOD to those who believe--who pray--who push--who deserve and qualify... So it finally came to pass that the sovereign State of Nevada now, too, can boast a Negro Judge... Attorney Robert Reid became the first Negro Judge in the Silver State last Friday morning, and the nine o'clock ceremony wasn't too early to keep even VOICE managing editor John West from making it... Proud friends of the handsome young Judge shown with him here following the formal swearing-in ceremony are (from left) Till Toms, Mrs. Sidney Bishop (the Judge's secretary), Rev. Prentiss Walker, Rev. Horace Gholston, (Judge Reid with City Clerk, Edwina Cole), John West, and Raymond Reid, the dignitary's brother.

(Photo below shows City Clerk, Edwina Cole, administering the judicial oath of office to Reid).

Spouse Beaches Publisher

As has been reported by radio and daily news media, Dr. Charles I. West, and his "1st Mate", Ricci Carter, were objects of an Air Search by Park Rangers last Monday morning when they failed to return from their usual week-end fishing trip on schedule due to a mechanical breakdown.

What has not been reported is that the good Doctor's wife has beached her week-end sailor boy until a ship to shore phone is installed on

"Amazing Maizie" the Doc's 27 footer cabin cruiser named, not so incidentally, for Mrs. West, who was christened 'Dorothy', but has been affectionately called 'Maizie' by close friends for years.

There were anxious moments (like 24 hours), but all's well that ends well, and the next time the VOICE publisher says he's going fishing--ask him what's his phone number?

Want to bet?