

## NAACP "REP" Victim Of "Filled-Up" Treatment At Reno Hotel

LOCAL NAACP Veep Lamar McDaniel returned from his brief visit to the 'northern' part of the State with glowing reports on the activities of Assemblyman Woodrow Wilson and Eddie Scott, President of the Reno-Sparks Branch of the NAACP - and a firsthand account of racial discrimination practiced there.

McDaniel reported that Assemblyman Woodrow Wilson is a gung-ho representative of his people in the legislature. He had nothing but

praise for the freshman Assemblyman as he did for Eddie Scott of the northern branch of the NAACP.

Indicative of the need for vigilance on the part of all the Wilsons and Scotts engaged in the never-ending struggle, however, was the frustrating, irritating, maddening experience McDaniel suffered when seeking lodging for the night in Reno. A call to the Overland Hotel as-

sured there were available accommodations. When McDaniel, accompanied by Scott arrived (in person), he was told there were no vacancies. After checking into the Mapes Hotel, out of 'idle' curiosity, Scott called the Overland Hotel requesting quote of prices for a single. Upon being given the information, he casually inquired if there were available rooms that night --there were.

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## Kicks Off Campaign



JAMES CHANEY, 26-year-old councilmanic candidate in the North Las Vegas May 4 election, will kick-off his campaign with a gala Rallye Saturday at the Texas Pit Bar-B-Que. Among distinguished guests who will be present to lend support to the young political hopeful are Woodrow Wilson and Paul May, Assembly representatives from Clark County Districts 4 and 2, respectively.

Key issues on which Chaney will campaign are those considered of vital importance to the growth and prosperity of the City of North Las Vegas and the welfare of all its residents. According to Chaney these are (1) Fair representation in city government. (2) Equal Employment Opportunities. (3) More industry. (4) Additional Recreational facilities, (5) Improved public transportation.

## Hearing On Senate Bills By Assembly Committee

REQUESTS FROM the Las Vegas Branch of the NAACP, The Neighborhood Councils, and VOICE publisher Dr. Charles I. West to the Clark County Delegation for public hearings on Senate Bills 174, 175, and 176 were received by the delegation after Senate Bills 175, and 176 had been passed by that body. Senator B. Mahlon Brown of Clark County, President Pro Tem of the Senate, immediately notified those seeking a hearing of passage of the bill, and apparently, through efforts of the Clark County Delegation, Senate Bill 174 scheduled to be voted on the date requests were received, was removed from the board and no action taken on it.

A near immediate hearing was scheduled before the Judiciary Committee of the Assembly on Monday on the two controversial Senate Bills at which time Eddie Scott, President of the Reno-Sparks Branch of the NAACP and Lamar McDaniel, 1st Vice President of the Las Vegas NAACP Branch appeared before the committee (See HEARING, page 4)

## POWELL SUPPORT SOARS

### "OLE MISS" 's Most Famous Drop-Out Drops Out Of Congressional Race

JAMES MEREDITH, announced candidate on the Republican ticket for New York's Special Election April 11 to elect a Representative for the 18th Congressional District seat, has withdrawn from the 'race'. Adam Clayton Powell, 22-year Representative from the 18th District whose congressional seat was denied him by the House of Representatives, is unopposed on the Democratic ticket, and presently is the only candidate for the seat which voters of the 18th Congressional District apparently consider Powell's despite the action of his fellow Congressmen in deposing him.

It was obvious that the New York Republican Party was aware that opposition to Powell on party lines could only be a token gesture, and it was even more obvious that, in proposing Meredith as Powell's opponent, the gesture was reduced to sheer lunacy.

James Meredith, who was described in the metropolitan press throughout the nation as a "civil rights activist" in reports of the announcement of his candidacy for the Congressional seat, is not considered such among Negroes of the nation. Meredith erupted into the international spotlight when he was denied admission to the University of Mississippi, and the federal government had to intervene so that James Meredith could "fulfill his life-long dream" of being a student at the Mississippi Institution.

AT THE TIME, there was considerable eyebrow-raising among much of the nation's Negro populace at Meredith's driving ambition to become a student at "Ole Miss", but, Negroes unanimously supported government intervention insuring Meredith's right to attend the University of Mississippi while rationalizing that "there are just different things for different people".

There was disenchantment with Meredith among Negroes when he became an "Ole Miss" drop-out in view of his expressed burning desire to matriculate there and the tremendous furore his determination to become a student there evoked. Subsequent to his departure from the University of Mississippi, Meredith's actions have caused a deal of skepticism among Negroes about his motivation for demanding entry in the University in the first place.

Disenchantment with Meredith broke into full-scale resentment when the ex-student, in a moment of aberration during a speech made in Chicago referred to Negroes as "burr-heads".

THE ONLY TIME since Meredith's admission to the University of Mississippi that Negroes have been sympathetic to him or, in any fashion, willingly identified with him, was when he was shot during last summer's "Meredith March".

So it was that when James Meredith announced that he would oppose Adam Clayton Powell in the upcoming New York Special Election, the element of surprise was more in that



Adam Clayton Powell

the Republican Party would consider him as material for exploitation rather than that Meredith would accept the offer of running for the office.

THE MISTAKE was notably apparent at once. Negroes have displayed an unprecedented national unity in rallying behind Adam Clayton Powell, and voters in the 18th Congressional District are Negroes. Powell's constituents are eminently aware of the true representation their veteran Congressman has given them in the House of Representatives. Even if these voters were concerned, which they are not, with Powell's personal affairs, they are politically astute enough to realize the great contribution their fighting Congressman has made in pushing through the Congress legislation benefiting not only Negroes and others of the 18th Congressional District but for Negroes and the working man throughout the United States. As a matter of fact, one of his constituents, a taxicab driver by trade, during a spot check in Harlem of the people's sentiment regarding Powell remarked that "As long as he (Powell) keeps making certain white folks mad, he must be doing the right thing for us, and I'm going to keep voting for him".

And that's about the whole story on the Congressional election in New York's 18th District. Elsewhere, there is conjecture and opinions (See POWELL, page 4)