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Dedication Service For 'Fairy Story' Church Set



CONGRATULATIONS are the order of day as Rev. V.C.L. Coleman (left) beams his pride at the completion of the new Greater Faith Baptist Church pastored by fellow minister, Rev. Prentiss S. Walker.

Opening Dedication Services of the new Greater Faith Baptist Church pastored by Rev. Prentiss S. Walker will be held Sunday, April 23, at 3 o'clock in the afternoon.

The ceremonial program will be conducted under the direction of the "Pride of the West" District Association with Rev. J. L. Simmons serving as moderator. Rev. I. W. Wilson will deliver the dedicatory sermon at the Church which is located at 2736 Chamberlain in Windsor Park.

Scheduled to make brief remarks at the opening ceremonies are the Pastor's "favorite" doctor and attorney, Dr. Charles I. West, VOICE publisher, and Judge Robert Reid, respectively.

It was Doctor West who broke the story of the construction of the new Church Building several months ago when Rev. Walker took him on a personally conducted prelude of the edifice which the publisher described as "a fairy story white church perched majestically upon the very highest point in the western sector of North Las Vegas."

Nevada Voters League Endorses Incumbents

FOLLOWING A public meeting at the Elks Hall Monday night at which all candidates in the May 2nd Primary Election were invited to appear, the Nevada Voters League announced the group's endorsements of Mayor Oran Gragson, and Commissioners Ed Fountain and Reed Whipple for re-election to the positions they now hold.

Mayor Gragson is seeking a 3rd term in office, Commissioner Fountain, a 4th term, and Commissioner Reed Whipple, a 6th. Whipple, elected first in 1947, has served five 4-year terms as City Commissioner.

THE MAYOR is opposed by only one candi-

NAACP

"Our Job Is Civil Rights"

The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People has called Dr. Martin Luther King's attempt to merge the civil rights and peace movements "a serious tactical mistake."

The NAACP's 60-member board of directors did not mention Dr. King by name, but adopted a resolution which was in opposition to the position taken by Dr. King in a major policy speech.

The resolution said "civil rights battles will have to be fought and won on their own merits, irrespective of the state of war or peace in the world."

Linking both movements, the NAACP declared, "will serve the cause neither of civil rights nor of peace."

Dr. King last week urged that the United States withdraw from the war in Vietnam, and urged that persons opposed to the American position there become conscientious objectors. He said the war effort diverted resources from the anti-poverty and civil rights battle.

ASKED IF the NAACP were making a reply to King, a spokesman said only: "We felt it was time to make a declaration, to make our position clear."

The NAACP resolution, released by Bishop Stephen G. Spottswood, chairman of the board, said "there already exist dedicated organizations whose No. 1 task is to work for peace just as our No. 1 job is to work for civil rights."

Labor Secretary Calls For Fair Military Draft

WASHINGTON, D.C.--Secretary of Labor W. Willard Wirtz called for an "absolutely fair" military draft that starts with the youngest men qualified for service.

"I support a method of selection for military service," he said, "that is FAIR--as fair to the sons of economically and politically weaker parents as to the sons of parents with more immediate influence."

Mr. Wirtz, testifying before the Senate Subcommittee on Employment, Manpower and Poverty, said the military service system must also include provisions for meeting a wide range of needs of young men.

DISCUSSING THE effects of the Selective Service System on American youth, the Secretary recommended as a "sound" selective and military service policy five "essential elements":

--That the draft call be made on the young-

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Profile On President Of White-Owned Bank



NORMAN A. SIMON, 45, has become the first Negro to be selected president of a predominantly white-owned bank, the Guaranty Bank and Trust Company, Chicago. Simon, whose banking career began 14 years ago when he became the first Negro commercial teller in a Chicago bank at \$204 a month, hopes his election will encourage young Negroes to consider banking as a career. He noted that a ruling by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation forbids job discrimination by banks holding federal money.

(NPI Photo)

By LEE IVORY

NEGRO PRESS INTERNATIONAL

Some weeks ago, a quiet announcement proclaimed the fact that somewhere a Negro had been elected president of a "white" bank. There was no hoopla. In reality, with a little more concentrated publicity, the news might have even reached East Podunk, U.S.A. No one there would have really cared, though; since the only bank in East Podunk is a mousey-brown and everybody in town is a depositor.

So, Norman A. Simon is just another "first" in another "first-type" situation. No one is really that much impressed with the fact that he is president of a "white" bank; not very many people, anyway. His wife, Leonette, thinks it's pretty wonderful. So do his three children.

MANY PEOPLE view his election as a prime example of tokenism: one Negro out "front" to show the world that white liberalism can be a pretty wonderful thing. An "establishment man," so to speak. Still others feel it is merely the case of a Negro who, having worked with whites for such a long time, has assimilated into the mainstream of white life.

Neither of these observations could be closer (See BANKER, page 3)