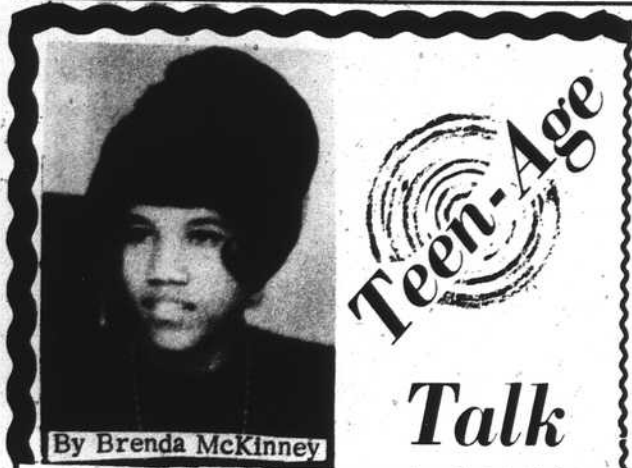


Frank Dentons Fete Teen Dems



By Brenda McKinney

Teen-Age
Talk

FINALLY, THE buses were loaded and chorus members of all local Churches of God in Christ were on their way to San Francisco, California to appear at programs throughout the Bay area ... The time was 11:00 p.m. (miraculously, the scheduled departure time) Friday, April 21, when the two LTR rented buses carrying 39 passengers each headed for their destination 600 miles away under the leadership of Bishop C.C. Cox, State Bishop of Nevada's Churches of God in Christ.

One of the proudest and happiest committees among those set up two months ago to raise funds to make the trip was a major committee comprised of Rancho High School seniors Deloris Ware, Yolanda McKinney, and Nettie Porter; and Freshmen Alfreda and Alfred Johnson, Lois Porter and John Williams.

As the bus pulled out, I realized that the great deal of work all of us had shared to make the junket a reality was definitely worth the effort. Songs and games made the trip seem much shorter and provided great entertainment for the travelers.

ONE OF THE important preparations I had made was to fry four chickens to take along. Imagine my frustration at having to settle for one piece. It didn't take long for the chicken to disappear once the kids discovered it was on the bus. When Deloris Ware, one of my best girl friends, found out we had food, she kept asking for it, and oddly enough, the chicken made its disappearance while my sister Yolanda and Nettie Porter were watching out for it. Well, all of us have to eat to live, don't we Deloris?

What wonderful hospitality met us when we arrived in Richmond, California. Breakfast was already prepared for us, and we really made the cooks happy before heading for San Francisco to get ready for a two o'clock program that afternoon. After a bit of confusion caused by necessity for the first bus to make a side trip to the bus station for repairs, we were taken to the various accommodations reserved for us. Some of us stayed with relatives, others in motels.

A PERFECTLY beautiful banquet was given in our honor before our 7:30 p.m. program at the Church in San Francisco which holds over 2,000 people and was packed tight. People from as far away as Los Angeles, San Diego, and Reno were there to hear our musical program. Featured groups among the singers were the Upperets and the Holy Boys. While Dorothy Johnson, Mickey Freeman, Deloris Ware, and Barbara Lisby held the audience in the palm of their hands with their soul-stirring renditions, Ray Wright, Godfrey Johnson, Charles English, Ernest Harris, and James Chapman, held up the male honors with their heart-touching selections. Our Mistress of Ceremonies, Miss Doris Mabry wore a beautiful white robe and her skillful handling of the M.C. chores gave the occasion added class. Her presence was certainly a boost to the program and helped it make it the success it was.

After all was over in San Francisco, our entire chorus was invited to attend a "Midnight Musicales" in Oakland, California. The Musicales ended approximately at 3:45 a.m. and was followed by a reception in the church cafeteria for the visitors. Hospitality was overwhelming there at Mingleton Temple. Reverend Deeves is the Church Pastor and certainly his youngsters are to be commended for their outstanding and highly successful efforts to make us feel right at home.

Personally, I selected the Clifton family as the most outstanding family I've ever known as far as hospitality is concerned. Elder Clifton is a member of the Mingleton Temple Church of God in Christ and his family made notable contribution to the success of our visit.

AS THE BAY area's cool breeze blew upon us, we arose, Sunday morning, and prepared to



Las Vegas's ever growing, ever active "Teen Dems-West" smile happily for the camera-- and why not... The occasion was a swinging party Monday night in their honor at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Denton of Denton's Drug Store.

Labor Secretary Details YOC Growth

WASHINGTON, D.C.-- About two million young people (16-21) were served by Youth Opportunity Centers during the program's first two years, Secretary of Labor W. Willard Wirtz announced. The program's emphasis is on helping disadvantaged youth.

Commemorating the second anniversary of the program, the Secretary said the Youth Opportunity Centers of the U.S. Employment Service "embody a new concept of employment service to youth."

MR. WIRTZ described the centers as "separate youth employment offices which give young jobseekers a clearly designated source of service tailored to their individual needs at a convenient location."

He said the centers have grown from an original 12, in 1965, to 166--with five more planned to open soon. Located in major cities in all 50 states, the centers are accessible to about 50 percent of the Nation's young people. Efforts to extend the program further are particularly emphasizing predominantly Negro high schools and rural areas.

Reporting on YOC activities across the Nation, Secretary Wirtz said specially trained job counselors and youth advisors at the centers have:

- Placed 468,000 youths in jobs.
- Helped more than 10,000 youth return to high school.
- Referred 118,800 youth to the Neighborhood Youth Corps on work assignments.

- Placed more than 11,000 youth in apprenticeship training under the Manpower, Development and Training Act (MDTA).
- Provided on-the-job and classroom training to 71,000 youth.
- Referred 27,400 youth to the Job Corps.
- Counseled 529,611 youth and tested (aptitude) half a million youth.

WHILE THE Youth Opportunity Centers provide services for all young people seeking jobs, "outreach to the disadvantaged" is an important element in the program, Secretary Wirtz said.

Specially trained youth advisers and community workers go into slum areas to find young people who need help, explain the program to them, and help clear away any suspicions about it.

The YOC's basic aim, once young people have been reached, is to increase their employability through counseling and help them get jobs. Young people are also referred to vocational training or the new work-training programs and to medical and other services when needed.

The centers work closely with other community agencies and government programs.

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go to McGloften Temple where we were scheduled for a 11:00 a.m. appearance. Following our performance, a marvelous dinner was served to us in the Temple's cafeteria.

It was 3:45 p.m. when the buses were loaded and ready to head for home. As we slowly pulled away, memories of the wonderful, exciting time we had experienced, caught up with us. We hated

to leave, but realized we must and satisfied ourselves by remembering there is no place like home.

We arrived in Las Vegas, City of Lights at 4 o'clock Monday morning, sleepy but thrilled at memories of the wonderful time we shared in San Francisco.