

"RIGHT IS MIGHT, And Ever Was, And Ever Shall Be So"

Thank You, Dr. Bert Babero, Equal Rights Commissioner

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VOICE Publisher Off To Nat'l Negro News Confab

Charles I. West, M.D., publisher of the Las Vegas VOICE is attending the National Newspaper Publishers Association's 27th Annual Convention which began yesterday, June 21, at Cleveland's Statler-Hilton and will continue through Saturday, June 24.

AN ARRAY of national leaders are featured on the convention's agenda. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Bahamian Government official Arthur Foulkes and Roy Wilkins will address the editors and publishers of 172 Negro-oriented publications today (Thursday).

Guyana Ambassador E. R. Braithwaite and Mississippi's NAACP head, Charles Evers will appear Friday, June 23. Ohio Assemblyman Carl B. Stokes (who barely missed being elected Mayor of Cleveland) is the speaker for the Saturday June 24 luncheon. Henry G. Marsh, Mayor of Saginaw, Michigan will also address the group.

NNPA will present its most coveted award--the John B. Russwurm Plaque to eight distinguished recipients. Likewise 36 merit award trophies and 33 plaques will be presented to working members of the Negro Press for meritorious performance.

Among others appearing on the program will be Joe Black, Vice President of Greyhound Lines; William Grayson, Vice President of Johnson Publishing, Al Sweeney, Equal Employment Opportunity Committee; Norman Powell, Amalgamated Publishers; Wayne Phillips of H U D; William Kreeger of the Cleveland Press; Larry Still, U.S. Employment Service; Ethel Payne, Vietnam War Correspondent and Joseph B. Robinson, N.Y. Department of Health.

The Cleveland Call Post newspaper, W. D. Walker, publisher, is Convention Host. Frank L. Stanley, Publisher of the Louisville Defender is NNPA President.

HAVE YOU SIGNED ?

The Las Vegas Chapter of the NAACP is circulating a petition to Nevada's U.S. Senators Bible and Cannon urging support for passage of the 1967 Civil Rights Bill. Organizations or individuals wishing to sign and/or circulate the petition for signatures should contact NAACP secretary Floyd Plymouth... Individuals wishing to sign may drop in the offices of Attorney Chas. Kellar or Dr. Chas. West, both in the West Owens Shopping Center, to affix their signatures to the petition.

"Must Work For Passage Of Rights Bill"-Mitchell

WASHINGTON - (NPI)--Hope for passage of a civil rights bill in 1967 has been expressed by Clarence Mitchell, local NAACP chapter director.

"We have got the votes for civil rights legislation in Congress if we work to get them," Mitchell told about 150 Negro elected Democrats gathered for a two-day workshop conference sponsored by the Democratic National committee.

He said there was hope that some of the crippling amendments tacked onto the education bill would be removed either in the Senate or House-Senate conference committee, which it must go through.

MITCHELL URGED the legislators to mobilize.
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PICNIC FINALE FOR DELTA PLAY SCHOOL



Youngsters participating in the Delta Play School, which has been held each Saturday at Marble Manor Recreation Hall, enjoyed the warm Nevada Sun engulfed in the surroundings of Fantasy Park last Saturday. The youngsters were accompanied by members of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority and their children.

The Las Vegas Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated has conducted the Play School each Saturday morning at Marble Manor Recreation Hall from 10 - 12. The purpose of the Program is to provide enriching pre-school experiences for children, developing those skills which are essential to the intellectual development of the child and which will help to ensure a rewarding and satisfying adjustment to formal school experiences.

The Senior Citizens of Marble Manor provided refreshments for the Play School.

"Involve Poor In Poverty Operations-Or Else!"

WASHINGTON - (NPI)--The poor must have a direct involvement in War on Poverty operations, or violence may result, warned Whitney M. Young, National Urban League executive director. "It is better to have people petitioning through established channels than to have them throwing rocks at City Hall," he said. The Office of Economic Opportunity, he pointed out, has "created the unfortunate impression that rioting is a necessary prelude to eligibility for poverty war funds." Nonetheless, he noted that the OEO, "on the whole, has done a spectacular job and should not be destroyed."

Keynotes

NAACP Detractors Had Better Check

I cannot believe that other organizations which represent specific minority groups such as B'nai B'rith or Sons of Italy, for example, are ever victims of such cavalier treatment as is accorded the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People in the state of Nevada.

Employers, unions, state agencies, commissions, and yes, even state heads are courting disaster when they choose to ignore or refute efforts of the nation's oldest and largest civil rights organization to mediate grievances of the Negro populace.

THERE ARE far too many instances where grievances presented by the NAACP fell on unheeding ears and more militant groups, openly opposed to the "conference table" as a means to righting wrongs, have moved into an area and wreaked irreparable havoc.

The NAACP is no piddling organization to be shrugged off because those to whom it has appealed cling to a personal conviction that inequities suffered by the Negro people will be resolved by the ultimate good will of white Americans.

Results of a nationwide survey of Negro opinion conducted by the University of California Survey Research Center under a grant from the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith and made public May 26 by ADL National Chairman Dore Scharey rated the NAACP as the "group doing the most to help Negroes".

According to the survey, "the NAACP received 79% of the vote in metropolitan areas; 79 % in New York; 84 % in Chicago; 87 % in Atlanta; and 92 % in Birmingham".

In surveys conducted by various independent groups since 1957, the NAACP has been the consistent leader in the civil rights field. A poll by the Catholic Digest, 1957 revealed that better than 90 per cent of U.S. Negroes regarded the NAACP as the most effective civil rights organization.

THESE FINDINGS were later confirmed by two Louis Harris polls published in Newsweek in 1963 and 1965. A survey of Negro opinion in New York City by the New York Times in 1964 also rated the NAACP head and shoulders above the other organizations.

This more than 450,000 member organization has over 5,000 active branches in the nation. It would be difficult to explain to those other branches of the national office why the Las Vegas chapter is so lightly regarded.

It has occurred to me that it might be helpful to local employees, unions, state agencies, etc., mentioned in the opening paragraph if they were to subscribe to the NAACP's official magazine "The Crisis". Certainly they might come to realize that local protests are representative of the feeling of Negroes throughout the nation including Hawaii and Alaska.

I would also suggest that it would be beneficial to those who pretend lack of understanding as to "what the Negro wants" to avail themselves of a copy of the late beloved poet Langston Hughes' book "Fight for Freedom: The Story of the NAACP".

MR. HUGHES, a protest writer who maintained constant touch with the events of the day,
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