

EDITOR'S MAILBOX

Letters-to-the-Editor
Las Vegas Voice
900 W. Bonanza
Las Vegas, Nevada.

Dear Editor:

Upon the tragic death of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., the National President of the League of Women Voters of the United States, Mrs. Robert J. Stuart, issued a statement which expresses the feelings of our members in the Las Vegas Valley as well. I would like to share this statement with your readers:

All white America stands guilty for what happened to Dr. Martin Luther King last night in Memphis. The League of Women Voters shares the feeling of outrage and frustration that grips the nation.

Words will no longer do. The efforts we have taken so far will not suffice. Now is the time for vigorous and constructive action by the Congress, the state legislatures, and by every community to see that Negro citizens take their rightful place in American life.

Every individual has a part to play. Civil rights issues are basically personal issues; they call for personal expressions of beliefs--not only to law-making bodies on every level of government but in answer to the bigoted in our communities whether they be relatives, neighbors, or friends.

If each of us takes on the same kind of personal commitment that characterized Dr. King's life, his goals can be achieved. They must be achieved.

Mrs. Charles E. Peterson, President
L.V. Valley League of Women Voters

Sierra Club Field Trips Of Scenic Interest

Would you like to see some of the scenic interests of our local desert and get acquainted with the exploratory activities of the Las Vegas Sierra Club? Join with this energetic group of Las Vegas as they offer for public participation a series of four half-day field trips to areas of scenic and geologic interest. This series is a part of the Sierra Clubs' natural environment educational program.

The first trip was made April 28, and others are scheduled for May 5, 12, and 19, and their purpose is to introduce more residents to some of the scenic interests of the local desert and to acquaint them with the hiking and exploratory activities of the local Sierra Club.

The trips consist of short drives and easy cross-country hikes and will interpret the geology and recreational resources of such diverse areas as the Nelson Natural Bridge, Red Rocks Recreational Lands, Lake Mead North Shore Drive, and Fossil Ridge.

The course will be open, without charge, to adults and interested teenagers. Registration will be limited. The only equipment required is a hat, hiking shoes, canteen and a sack lunch.

For details phone Marvin A. Pistrang at 870-1660 or at Mercury, USGS office 986-9260.

Right Commissioner's Saga Of Disenchantment

Governor Paul Laxalt
Executive Mansion
Carson City, Nevada

Dear Governor Laxalt:

For some time during the past year, I have felt as a "Commissioner non-recognito". Much of the activities of the Commission I have learned from newspapers, community leaders and "ex-officio" members of the Commission. On occasions, information sought from the Equal Rights Office was not provided or given belatedly. Numerous requests for positive action have been ignored. In general, Commissioners have not worked as a team, defining problems, developing strategies and seeking lasting solutions. Rather, each Commissioner, for the most part, has apparently worked individually--and, I certainly have little knowledge concerning what they have been about.

Personally, as a result of our Commission activities after one year in office, I am aware of little change in the socio-economic status of our state. There has been only five-tenths of a percent increase in Negro employment in state agencies and approximately thirty-one agencies still have no Negroes, while many others have only token representation. There is still noticeable discrimination in the hotel and casino industry, with Negroes employed in less than three percent of non-menial jobs. Of course, the housing situation continues to be deplorable. As the only Negro member of the Nevada State Equal Rights Commission, I am embarrassed, that I have not, despite honest, sincere and sometimes frustrating efforts, been able to contribute toward a noticeable destruction of the patterns of discrimination imposed upon the Negro minority in this state.

I am even more disheartened when I hear statements to the extent that Commissioners are over-worked with too much to do. Actually, I am literally dying for something to do. Except for my work with the community, I have been sitting around too long patiently waiting and hoping that our Commission would really and sincerely get on with our legal task of bringing equal rights to the minorities of our state. There is still with our Commission too much procrastination, complacency, and reluctance to act. There is hesitation and a complete lack of desire, for the most part, to employ with vigor the limited legal powers that it has.

Subsequently, because of the status I feel that I have as a Commissioner and the negligible contribution made in this office, to continue to serve in such a pseudo-capacity is to deceive the minorities whose equal rights I am supposed to promote. Therefore, it is suggested that you find a replacement for me at your earliest convenience.

Sincerely,

Bert B. Babero

POOR PEOPLE'S MARCH

ATLANTA - (NPI)--Dr. Martin Luther King's timetable for the Poor People's Campaign will be followed after all.

Initially, it was planned to delay the campaign's start by two weeks. However, SCLC leaders have decided, instead, to hold the drive on April 29--the date Dr. King selected.

During the campaign, SCLC officials and scores of others will call on Congressmen and government officials to discuss their demands that poverty be eased and racism ended.

A memorial march from Memphis to Washington has been added to the agenda, according to Dr. Ralph D. Abernathy, who succeeded Dr. King as SCLC president.

The march will tee off May 2 from the Lorraine motel, where Dr. King was assassinated last April 4. Marchers expect to reach the capital late in May after linking up with other demonstrators along the route.

Thus, the nation is in for a considerable period of protest this spring--which is likely either to spur anti-poverty measures or end in rioting, as one of the Memphis demonstrations did.

What would come of the protests depends largely on what control is maintained by SCLC over them.

Bayard Rustin, who earlier criticized the D.C. campaign, now sees hope that the demonstrations will accomplish their purpose.

Believing that Dr. King's death may cause a re-evaluation of how the marches are being carried out, Rustin says he'll probably take part in them.

Schedule Of March

Monday, April 29: Dr. Abernathy and about 100 poor people from throughout the nation and other national leaders began presenting demands to government officials and Congressional leaders.

Wednesday night, May 1: Mass meeting in Memphis.

Thursday morning, May 2: Dr. Abernathy will lay a memorial star in cement on the balcony outside Room 306 of the Lorraine Motel in Memphis, where Dr. King fell April 4 when struck by the assassin's bullet. The SCLC President will immediately lead a mass march out of Memphis toward Marks, Mississippi.

Saturday, May 4: The Memphis march arrives in Marks, location of some of the most extreme poverty in the United States. A mass meeting will be held that night.

Sunday, May 5: The first of three major caravans to Washington begins outside Jackson, Mississippi. Poor people from Mississippi will start this "Southern leg" of the Campaign walking to Jackson for a mass meeting.

Monday, May 6: Dr. Abernathy will lead the Southern leg on a march out of Jackson. (This caravan, and others from the Midwest

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