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DELTA SIGMA THETA TO COMBAT RACISM

How can Black women move from words to action to combat racism? This is a question that has been of concern to Delta Sigma Theta for the past three years. We believe that it is not enough merely to recognize that we are increasingly two societies, one black, one white-separated on the basis of income and race. The 55,000 women of Delta Sigma Theta are pledged to work for one integrated society with equality and justice for all.

This Far West Regional meeting here in Las Vegas brings together members from seven states - Alaska, Arizona, California, New Mexico, Oregon, Washington and Nevada. It is the last of seven Regional Conferences held during the Spring of 1970. The 21 Chapters in this Region include 10 undergraduate chapters. We will respond to the question One Nation or Two? by developing techniques for working toward ONE NATION.

It is an unfortunate fact that most white and black women have few, if any, personal friends of the other race. This dearth of normal contacts among women of like interests and capabilities is one of the main reasons why erroneous prejudices and rumors continue to flourish in each community about the other.

As National President of Delta Sigma Theta, I do not believe that we should wait for an increase in racial tensions or conflict, and then be called upon to sit around the table and produce cooling-off formulas.

We meet here in Las Vegas, a metropolitan area that is not unlike many other communities caught up in what has been called the "urban crisis."

This past March I announced a program during the Central Regional Conference to be carried out by Deltas in the 376 localities in the 42 states where Deltas live. Today, I issue a special call here in Las Vegas to all Deltas in the Far West Region.

As black college trained women we extend our reach and our hand to all women of the community to break the pattern of racial, ethnic, religious and economic isolation.

We have initiated a series of non-structured small workshops that will include white as well as black women. They are called Public Service Workshops.

The purposes of these workshops are:

1. To provide an opportunity for women of diverse backgrounds to share a common experience.

2. To enable each woman to hear how others view the same community - to get perspective by learning how others feel about schools, recreation, police protection and other basic services.

We will exercise great care to avoid having the workshops become identified with existing political and organizational structures or any

BEWARE OF FIREWORKS

City Fire Marshall O. K. McFarland says there is no such thing as a "safe" firework.

More than 10,000 persons, most of them children, will suffer serious injuries during the July 4th weekend, according to National Fire Protection Association (NFPA). According to the NFPA study of 2,000 firework incidents that occurred in 1969, over 1,330 persons suffered injuries. Five persons were killed.

Included in the injuries were 35 cases of maimings and 43 cases of blindness. The association said the study represented only part of the actual incidents.

Chief McFarland went on to say that in the City of Las Vegas, all types of fireworks are illegal including so called safe and sane types.

Guy, 10, tried to light a smoke cartridge while riding his bicycle in Montana, Illinois. When the cartridge didn't seem to light, Guy put it in his pocket where it ignited his shirt and caused burns serious enough to hospitalize him.

David, 10, of Rockford, Illinois burned all the fingers of his right hand when a snake flared up as he was holding it.

In Anaheim, California, James, 8, was leaning over a smoke pot while lighting it when the five inch long device ignited. James received second degree burns on his right eye and rest of his face.

Closer to home in Las Vegas, Mary, 6, ignited her dress with a sparkler. Mary spent three weeks in the Lions Burn Center with second and third degree burns on her legs.

Also in Las Vegas, children playing with sparklers set a wood shingle roof on fire causing a great deal of damage to the home. Also, over two brush or grass fires were started by fireworks last year in the City of Las Vegas.

As these actual incidents from the 1969 records illustrate so well, there is no such thing as a "safe and sane" firework!

particular interest groups. We will invite the "uninvolved" as well as the "involved."

It is our desire that the women in each workshop will choose the particular aspect of community problems on which they wish to concentrate. We recognize that disagreements, misunderstandings and occasional emotional incidents may occur, but we believe that this is a part of the learning situation. They will be small sized groups of not more than 15 or 20 women. We hope to have many such groups in action in each locality. We need to learn to

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OPEN DOOR POLICY

What you think the Voice can do to help make the L.V. community a better place to work and live is what we want to know.

Let's talk about your thing.

Thursdays - 9 AM to 12 Noon

Your Voice Editor invites you to come in, sit down, and express yourself on any subject you feel will be of benefit to the community.

Ernie Marshall, Las Vegas newsman and television and radio personality, today will file his candidacy for Justice of the Peace of North Las Vegas, he told The Advertiser.

A resident of North Las Vegas for more than 15 years, Marshall is host of the "In Focus" TV program Sundays on Channel 5 which is devoted to community problems.

He is also a newscaster for KTOO Radio and hosts a radio program, "Jazz Corner."

Marshall was the first black man hired on a Nevada television station news

graduated from Lab high school. He attended Clark College, and played on the Delphi Basketball team. He is a World War II veteran and is married to the former Hazel Cochrane of Albany, Ga.

After the war, he attended San Jose State College in California where he published and edited a newspaper. It was during this time he started his syndicated column "In Focus" which has been used widely in the black press throughout the country.

It now appears in the editorial section of this newspaper.



staff when he became a reporter for Channel 3.

Two years ago he ran for Mayor of North Las Vegas. A commercial photographer and free lance writer, he was writing regularly for the Las Vegas Voice and numerous out of town newspapers.

Born in Santa Barbara, Calif., Marshall was raised in Atlanta, Ga., where he

Active in civic and community affairs, Marshall was head of the Black Coordinating Council which consolidated black citizens in North Las Vegas.

Marshall said "It is my intention that all efforts shall be in consideration of all the people and what is best for the city in which we live."

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