

Assemblyman Wilson Attends Washington Conference

Assemblyman Woodrow Wilson, Chairman of the Nevada State Advisory Committee, attended a three-day conference and workshop on reactivating State Advisory Committees in Washington the first week in April. Featuring many illustrious names as speakers and consultants, the session was under the auspices of the National Commission on Civil Rights, chaired by Reverend Theodore M. Hesburgh of Notre Dame. The Civil Rights Commission also includes Vice President Stephen Horn, president of California State College at Long Beach; Attorney Frankie M. Feeman, St. Louis; Maurice B. Mitchell, Chancellor of the University of Denver; Robert S. Rankin, Professor Emeritus of Political Science, Duke University, Durham, N. C.; Manuel Ruiz, Jr., Attorney from Los Angeles, California.

Wilson was appointed to the position of Nevada S. A. C. chairman by President Nixon on the recommendation of the Civil Rights Commission. "Highlights of the conference, in my opinion," stated Wilson, "were panels dealing with enforcement and conciliation under the Federal Civil Rights program, featuring Arthur A. Fletcher, Assistant Secretary of Labor, and H. U. D. Assistant Secretary Samuel Simmons and Federal Civil Rights Efforts Assistance and Community Relations by Urban Coalition executive Honorable Ben Holman, director of the Community Relations Service.

The participants studied and discussed proposals and directions involved in the reactivating of States Advisory Committees as well as past accomplishments of such committees. In addition to sessions covering the need for and plans to accomplish social change, the burgeoning Puerto Rican and Indian problem areas were covered as well as the three major discussion topics:

1. The role of S. A. C. - an over-view of problems and opportunities,
2. The S. A. C. and its relationship to other Commission offices and functions,
3. Relating the theoretical to the practical aspects of S. A. C. operation.

People You Should Know



"I look at it this way: Anything that is good for the community is good for me.

"When I came to Reno I intended to make this my home. I plan to stay here. And I have a great personal interest in the development of the area."

Leroy Badie, an assistant floor manager in the casino at the Harolds Club, applies his theory in deeds.

He has long been active in politics (for the Democratic Party) from precinct to state levels; he has served in an executive capacity with the Reno-Sparks Chapter of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People; he was instrumental in the conception and development of Reno's "Instant Park," a project that earned nationwide admiration for the City of Reno and the persons responsible for the project.

Soft-spoken and genteel in manner, Badie is a native of New Orleans. He attended high school and Cambell College in Jackson, Miss. before moving in 1952 to Las Vegas where he was employed as manager of the El Morocco before taking a job with the Moulin Rouge.

Badie and his wife Margaret decided to move to Reno in 1956. He was first associated with the New China Club then began work at Harolds Club in 1964. Subsequent promotions led to his current position (which he was held for three years) as assistant floor manager. He is believed to be the only Negro to hold such a position in a major Nevada Casino.

Recalling his role as chairman of the committee which planned and developed Reno's "Instant Park" (later officially named Pat Baker Park) in the summer of 1969, Badie says "It was not just a venture for minority groups; it was a community venture for everyone. Everybody in the community got involved."

The park, with labor and materials donated from all segments of Reno's society, was completed within three days and was officially presented to the city in ceremonies with Badie representing the people who had labored to develop the 1.3-acre site as a youth playground.

The reason for Badie's interest in the park project?

"I have always been involved one way or the other with minority groups and I knew there was a need for a park for kids in that area. I figured I could help get the people in the community to cooperate. The people cooperated and we got the park."

The 52-year-old casino executive rates Nevada and particularly Reno as an ideal location to make his home.

"There are opportunities here for people, of all races, who are qualified, whatever the line of work might be."

Conversation Blues

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"A penny for my thoughts?" Hey man-don't you know the price of e'vrything has gone sky, I mean MOON-HIGH today. You're supposed to say, "A nickel for your thoughts" today, that penny business was, aww man, way back THEN, you know, back in the days of the THEN PEOPLE, yeah the THEN-PEOPLE, oh I forgot, you are not old enough to remember the "fabulous" days of the THENS. ...The THEN-PEOPLE, are a vanishing breed of human species, a distinct variety of people, distinguishable primarily by their characteristics of intellectual deficiencies concerning the true meaning and practice of, brotherhood of man, and the attributes it implies, ie love, justice, equality, etc. This species is distinguishable also by the amazing variety of classifications of it's various individuals, their categories range from genius' to fools...Some ten or fifteen percent of their population, (a group within the group) were readily recognizable by their lack of knowledge concerning their personal history, and were primarily influenced by the UNDERSTOOD, or MISUNDERSTOOD teachings of their teachers (also called preachers) within their group who taught RELENTLESSLY the doctoring of self deprivation and the acceptance of abusive "love," and not to strive too hard for the abundance of life's rewards the earth can provide for all people, instead, wait to receive these same comforts ("Peace...Rest...Milk and Honey... Golden Slippers...and Long White Robes, etc.") in another world after they the people die... Of love, they were taught to love ANY-OTHER person or people who abused them, and NOT to fight back in an effort to defend themselves but turn the other cheek instead, and ask GOD to forgive their enemies...This inner group was also taught by the outer-group to fight anyone (including their own brothers and sisters) who attempted to rescue or protect them from those who abused them, and to give their lives if necessary to protect their oppressors, and to expect a reward (for so doing) from a God, somewhere in a heaven, somewhere in outer-space, after they, the victims are killed, or dies from malnutrition, ignorance, the lack of medical care, or any one of a thousand other genocidal reasons...But, like the American bald eagle, this human species is rapidly disappearing, and too like the old bird, the stragglers do put in their appearances from time to time...sometimes in the guise of a senator, a congressman, a governor, a vice president, YES--and even a president, of first one thing, then the other... I believe the majority of THEN-PEOPLE to be found in America today are in the various departments of law enforcement agencies, the churches, and bigoted groups, clubs so-called "societies, and the "hand picked leaderships of the minority communities...These conclusions re; the THEN-PEOPLE are based on personal observations, the news media, and opinions voiced by the NOW PEOPLE.

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