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GRAGSON REELECTED MAYOR

NBA Official Hits Racism Of Government

WASHINGTON, D. C. -- In a speech highly critical of the "laissez faire policies" of the Federal Government toward minorities, Dr. Edward D. Irons, Executive Director of the National Bankers Association, asserted that the employment policies and private industry both contribute significantly to the low economic situation of America's Black population.

Dr. Irons' remarks were contained in a speech scheduled for delivery at the University of Texas School of Business of Tuesday, April 27. He was invited by University officials to be the Richard B. Gonzales lecturer.

In his address, Dr. Irons described how the administration of various Federal Government programs, i.e., Agriculture FHA, VA housing, and Federal Highway Construction, results in the migration and constriction of Blacks to the ghettos.

He pointed out that the relative income and wealth holdings of Black Americans have not changed significantly over the last 25 years, in spite of the fact that America has experienced the greatest economic advances in its history during this period.

Dr. Irons said: "There is no shortage of know-how regarding the cause and solution of this problem."

He added, "What is lacking is the will to do what needs to be done. It seems clear to me that until individual and institutional racism is eradicated in this country, no amount of programing, no matter how sophisticated or sound, will be of consequence."

He emphasized that only incisive action by the President of the United States can effect the change needed to improve conditions of Black Americans.

Dr. Irons said the executive branch of the Federal Government must eliminate job discrimination within its own ranks as a first priority. Further, he said, the government must use its massive purchasing power, which ranges from \$75 to \$100 billion annually, to eradicate job discrimination in the private sector.

He also recommended:

*That a comprehensive program be initiated to facilitate sound economic enterprises by Black and other minorities as a means of bringing them into the free enterprise system for the first time;

*That Urban Development Banks be created in much the same format as the agricultural credit banks of 1916.

The Purpose of the Urban Development Banks, (See Racism page 10)

Future Manpower To Be Aired At Needs Governor's Conference



ROBERT ARCHIE

CARSON CITY--Projecting Nevada's manpower requirements and outlining services for the business community are slated for the May 12-14 Governor's Conference on Manpower and Economic Education.

The biennial statewide conference, which is held alternately in Southern or Northern Nevada will be in Las Vegas at the Sahara Hotel, said General Chairman Paul Garwood of Reno. Garwood said the 1971 conclave will be presented by the Nevada Council on Economic Education in cooperation with the Nevada Employment Security Department.

Executive Director Robert Archie of the state employment agency will direct a May 14 seminar designed to predict the state's manpower requirements.

The department head's seminar will be followed by a seminar on present and future services to the business community, conducted by Robert Seach, chief of staff operations for the department.

Registration fee for the three-day conference is \$30, said Garwood. He noted persons who are unable to attend the entire conference may purchase special tickets for the May 13 luncheon address by Gov. Mike O'Callaghan.

In addition to O'Callaghan, other major speakers include US Comptroller General Elmer B. Staats and President M. L. Frankel of the Joint Council on Economic Education.

Mayor Oran Gragson was reelected to a unprecedented 4th term in Tuesday's election, receiving approximately 61% of the vote cast. This margin amounted to a vote of confidence by the citizens of Las Vegas in the job he has been performing as mayor.

In the Commissioner Races no one candidate was able to amass the necessary percentage to be declared the winner.

In the City Commissioner #1, race Paul Price, was the top vote getter and, will be matched against Hal Morelli in what will be a real down to the wire contest.

Seat 2 in the Commissioner Race, George Franklin narrowly missed picking up the seat without a runoff. Franklin will face incumbent Wes Howery in the June 8th race. This race will be a very close race if Howery can pick up the support of those voters not voting for Franklin, and hold on to those voters who supported him in this primary election.

Bob Bailey in conceding his defeat in that race expressed thanks for the wonderful support given him in the West Las Vegas Community where according to latest reports he received 94% of the votes cast.

The other candidates in both races only gathered enough support to split up the votes and make the June run off necessary.

The North Las Vegas council race will pit the four top vote getters against each other for the two seats open this election.

Wendell Waite, Dan Gray, Jack Petitti and Jarvis Holloway will be trying to pick up supporters for the June run-off from the losing candidates.

League of Women Voters

The League of Women Voters of Nevada has strongly endorsed the lowering of the voting age in Nevada to 18 in state and local elections. In announcing the League's position, which was arrived at over the past year by study and discussion among League members throughout the State, President Jean Ford said: "The League acknowledges that education, communications, travel, and work experience have made today's youth become increasingly aware and considerably more involved in the political process. It believes that lowering the voting age will provide a role "withing the system for young people to assist in solving Nevada's problems and increase interest and participation in the electoral process. We welcome them to join with us in meeting these responsibilities."

For the past year, full League membership has been opened to any young woman 18 or over, and several are now actively involved in League (See League page 11)