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## EDITOR'S NOTE:

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### Black Admiral Admits Some White Officers Are Still Bias

Rear Admiral Samuel Gravely Jr., the Navy's first black Admiral, said today that there are probably some white Navy officers "who still are not enforcing the rules" against racial discrimination in that service.

In a copyrighted interview in the current (September) issue of EBONY, Gravely pointed out that "Racial discrimination is definitely against Navy policy."

He added, however, "But there probably are some white Navy officers who still are not enforcing the rules just as there were some who were slow to obey President Truman's executive order to integrate the military."

Gravely continued, "For those reasons, we still have the same problem we had 20 years ago. And that is to convince today's young blacks that just because their parents and grandparents had to serve as stewards is no proof that that's the only place THEY can serve."

The 29-year Navy veterans, who received word of his selection last April, said of his own appointment: "It meant that I had been a success in life. It made me feel real good to know that my father, a hardworking man, and my mother, who died when I was 15, had not worked in vain on my behalf."

According to the interview, by Lacy J. Banks, Gravely feels the Navy's new anti-discrimination programs--not merely his promotions--are enough to sell that service to blacks. The magazine attributed Gravely's success to the fact that he "simply stuck it out," coupled with qualities of ability and diplomacy.

The magazine credited the Navy with initiating many new programs and policies to open the doors of equal opportunities to blacks. Such plans include an end to the policy of recruiting Filipinos solely as stewards; a plan to put 10 percent of all Navy ROTC programs on blacks; college campuses by 1975; naming new ships in honor of blacks; assigning black minority affairs officers at each of 37 recruiting stations and at each base; stocking of black consumer goods in exchanges; and increasing black enrollment at the Navy Academy.

The magazine noted the success of the Navy in recruiting blacks at the Navy Academy, claiming some 50 are now enrolled. However it quoted one black midshipman, Ron Stanton, of Philadelphia, who said, "The situation here (at Annapolis) is one that blacks tolerate and cope with." He claimed, "It's the little things that bothers you--like being labeled an extremist or Communist because you see some good in Rap Brown or Eldridge Cleaver. But I'm determined to make it, and I will."

### Ready For Work

CARSON CITY--"When one Las Vegas job applicant claimed she was properly attired to accept immediate employment, we were a little shook. She normally was employed as a nude dancer."

The incident is unusual, admits chief Robert Archie of the Nevada Employment Security Department, but serves to illustrate department regulations.

They require all job applicants in public employment offices to appear in clothing suitable to accept employment on the spot.

Archie also pointed out a regulation which prohibits small children from accompanying job-seekers and unemployment check claimants to state employment offices.

"We unfortunately are not equipped to provide childcare," Archie said, "and if a jobseeker is accompanied by small children, he may not be able to go directly from a public employment office to a job."

### Mini-Jazz Festival At CP

One of the most important yearly cultural events in Las Vegas is to take place in the Circus Maximus of Caesars Palace, September 12, Sunday afternoon at 2:30 P.M., in the free-admission presentation of the 6th annual Tommy Vig mini-jazz-festival. Some of the great soloists in American music will participate, including Charlie McLean, Louie Valizan, Buddy Childers, Dick Paladino, Archie LeCoque, Herb Phillips, and others. The 23 piece orchestra will feature the new music of Tommy Vig, of the Tommy Vig sound:

"Colossal...jazz totally committed..." JAZZ JOURNAL, London.

"Cohesion, fire, tenderness, fine soloists and excellent charts..." THE JAZZ RECORD DIGEST.

"Intriguing musical statement...of compelling interest..." PLAYBOY.

"Tommy Vig's talents as a composer, arranger, percussionist and vibe soloist are quite admirable..." JAZZ AND POP.

"Big Band with a bite...Brilliant." ARMY TIMES.

"Superlative playing..." JAZZ MONTHLY (England).

"Swings with a vengeance..." LOS ANGELES TIMES.

"Tremendously exciting band..." DAILY VARIETY.

"High standard of performance..." SAT. REVIEW OF LITERATURE.

"Excellent..." VARIETY.

"Milestones along the jazz road..." Jenkins in THE LAS VEGAS SUN.

Tommy Vig was recently invited by the Hungarian State Radio to give a concert in Budapest, after being away for 15 years!

The performance took place March 25, 1971, and it was a great success. Tommy was invited back for the 1972 Jazz Festival behind the Iron Curtain.

Tommy Vig (a long time Las Vegas resident) has now been living in Los Angeles for the past two years where he works with the biggest names in the business, doing television shows, recordings and movies as a studio musician.

Tommy Vig is a two-time Playboy nominee for Bandleader of the Year and THE TOMMY VIG BIG BAND was voted to be one of the 10 best in the world by international jazz critics.

The music for this occasion is provided by a grant from the Music Performance Trust Funds (Kenneth E. Raine, Trustee), a public service organization created and financed by the Recording Industries under agreements with the American Federation of Musicians. The grant was obtained with the cooperation of Local # 369, A. F. M., Jack Foy, President.

See you at Caesars Palace, September 12, Sunday at 2:30 P.M. Remember: No Admission Charge!

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## WELCOME GET TOGETHER-FOR ARCHIES

Attorney and Mrs. Robert Archie, and son Jason, were honored last Sunday evening with a welcome get-together held at the beautiful and spacious home of Mr. and Mrs. H. P. Fitzgerald of 713 Monroe Avenue. The Archie's came to Las Vegas to attend the official opening of the Union Plaza Hotel where they spent an enjoyable week. While in town, they were able to visit many friends and renew old acquaintances. Archie is the Executive Director of the Employment Security Department, who recently appointed Fitzgerald as Area Manager III for the Las Vegas Employment Service Office.

The welcome get-together was highlighted by a presentation which was made by North Las Vegas' Mayor Pro-Tem Aaron Williams, who gave the baby a medallion in observance of the 25th Silver Anniversary of the City of North Las Vegas, which symbolizes 25 years of progress. Young Archie was also the recipient of many, many useful gifts showered upon him by the lovely ladies present.

The genial host and hostess, "Fitz" and "Virgie," went way out in providing a superabundance of tasty refreshments, catered by Mrs. Lowe, for their guests. Also, stimulating as well as mild beverages were carefully blended to suit the taste of each guest.

Seen having a wonderful time at this gala affair were: Mr. and Mrs. David Hoggard Sr., Mr. and Mrs. James A. Gay, Attorney and Mrs. Charles Kellar, Mr. and Mrs. James Garland, Mr. and Mrs. Henry J. Moore, Mr. and Mrs. Jimmie Frieson, Mr. and Mrs. Jesse D. Scott, Mr. and Mrs. Aaron Williams, Mr. and Mrs. James Anderson, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Ray, Mr. and Mrs. J. Little, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Gant, and Mr. and Mrs. Phillips. Also present were: Mesdames Eleanor Walker, Sarann Knight, Aquilla Guy, Grace McGlothen, Safronia Gant, Mattie E. Ratiff, and the Misses Louise Hansen and Bobby Smith.

Other gentlemen on the loose were: Messers Mark Curtis, Richard Minyard, Jr., Assemblyman Woodrow Wilson, Onward Abington, Larry B. Watson, Amos Seastrunk, James Shipp, Rev. Marion Bennett, Mark Harrison and Ray Blanks.

Mr. and Mrs. Fitzgerald wish to express their special thanks to Ray Blankes, Mark Curtis, and Louise Hansen who served the cocktails.

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employed during that time, there is a certain poverty level income he cannot exceed.

"When we hear from a potential parolee," says Smith, "we immediately contact his parole officer. We tell him that if and when parole is granted, we will work with the parolee and try to find him suitable employment."

"Suitable" means a job that will interest the parolee and offer him some kind of future.

Do parolees stick with their jobs? "They certainly do," says H. P. Fitzgerald, manager of the Las Vegas Employment Office. "They didn't like being in prison and they don't want to go back. They're good, eager employees, and most employers know it."

### Baha'i Writings

Equity is the most fundamental among human virtues. The evaluation of all things must needs depend upon it.

Say! Observe equity in your judgment; ye men of understanding hearts! He that is unjust in his judgment is destitute of the characteristics that distinguish man's station. -Baha'u'llah

How is it possible for men to fight from morning until evening, killing each other, shedding the blood of their fellow-men; and for what object? To gain possession of a part of the earth! Even the animals, when they fight, have an immediate and more reasonable cause for their attacks...The highest of created beings fighting to obtain the lowest form of matter, earth! Land belongs not to one people, but to all people. This earth is not man's home, but his tomb. -'Abdu'l-Baha

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