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LONG LIVE JUDGE REID

Local Youth Drowns During Rescue Effort



LEON COSEY

Funeral services were held Friday, September 10th at the Highland Square Seventh-Day Adventist Church for Leon Marion Cosey, 19 of 1917 Laura, North Las Vegas.

Cosey was a drowning victim Labor Day while attempting to rescue Roosevelt Vinson 10, who had fallen into Boardman Canal, one of the many Canals in the Sacramento, California area.

Leon was a student at the University of Nevada, Reno Campus. Having graduated from Clark High in 1969. Cosey was well-known here at Las Vegas. He was the 1st President of the Las Vegas NAACP Youth Branch from 1967 to 1969. While attending Clark High, he was elected President of the schools Human Relation Committee. Cosey was always trying to lend a helping hand to younger boys.

Cosey and several other students of the University, where trying to establish a big brother type of relationship with young Blacks from Fatherless homes in both the Reno and Sacramento areas, in hopes of exposing these boys to the male image. It was during a big brother trip with young Vinson, that he and the boy happened to walk up the road by the Canal to do some sketching. Cosey because of his own interest in art was convinced that Roosevelt had considerable Artistic Talent, that he was attempting to encourage.

Vinson got to close to the edge of the Canal and Cosey jumped into the water in an attempt to save Vinson. The swiftness of the water carried Cosey to his death. Vinson was able to grab a branch and hold on. By the time help arrived Cosey's body was located at one of the Flood Gates.

Authorities considered it a miracle that Vinson was not drowned.

The following verse was suggest by Mrs. Dorothy Hooper, Mother of Leon Cosey.

There must be a reason we can't see,
 There must be a reason why,
 A reason that we must take "on faith"
 As we do the Sun on high,
 There must be an answer why it is,
 That one who enjoyed life so,
 Why someone who is so dear to us,
 Suddenly has to go

Love Mama

"ROBERT" THE PEOPLE'S JUDGE "REID" SHOULD BE PRAISED FOR HIS COURAGE

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JUDGE REID

World Peace Day Sept. 19th

LAS VEGAS, NEVADA, SEPTEMBER 13, 1971-- "Human Rights-Prerequisite to Peace" is the theme of this year's World Peace Day. On September 19, members of the Baha'i Faith in some 4,000 American cities, and countless cities through out the world will observe the day.

The purpose of World Peace Day is to spread the recognition of America's spiritual destiny to raise the standard of peace in the world. It is sponsored annually by the National Baha'i Assembly.

This year the Baha'is are taking an active part in the observance of the United Nations International Year for Action to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination. The theme of World Peace Day is tied to the International Year observance.

A public meeting sponsored by the local Baha'i Communities will be held at 8:00 p.m., 325 Maryland Parkway, Teachers Credit Union Building. Mrs. Shirley Hayes from Henderson, Nevada will be the principle speaker while a film entitled "Its Just The Beginning" will be (See World Peace page 12)

Clark County Welfare Rights Organization

Las Vegas, Nevada (September 6)....The Clark County Welfare Rights Organization announced today that public hearings will be held here September 29th and 30th, on the Nixon-Mills Family Assistance Plan now pending in Congress. The "People's Hearings" will seek testimony from all organizations and individuals supporting welfare reform, and will attempt to show that many of the provisions in the proposed welfare bill will be even more costly to the taxpayer and harmful to the needy than legislation now in effect.

The hearings will be jointly sponsored by the (See Welfare Rights page 18)

The recent series of articles in one of the local dailies seems to have been intended to tarnish the image of JP Robert Reid who has had the courage of his convictions that there should be equal justice under the law. Because his decisions have not necessarily been in agreement with the will of the law enforcement officers and the representatives of the District Attorney's office, he should be praised rather than criticized. He has had the courage to buck the establishment and to be a judge who represents the people.

Justice Reid has refused to be a pawn of the law enforcement people. He has had the guts to separate the powers of the judicial from the powers of the executive branches of government, which is the way our constitution says that it should be. The founding fathers separated the powers of government into three separate and autonomous branches. The three branches of government, as any high school student should know, are: (1)The Executive(2)The Legislative and (3)The Judicial. Police powers fall under the executive branch of government, and Judicial powers fall under the judicial branch. These two branches of government have for far too long been fallaciously viewed by the general public as a team that must work together.

It is high time that the people be made aware of the constitutional violations that have been taken for fact across the land by the apparent 'marriage' of law enforcement and the courts. The two powers are supposed to be separate branches of government. Justice Reid has broken the 'marriage' on the local front, and has been publicly castigated for doing what he felt to be within his powers as a judge, and not be controlled in his judicial decisions by the will of representatives of a separate branch of government. The DA and the police belong to a separate branch which constitutionally has no power over either of the other two branches.

When more members of the judicial have the courage to make their own decisions even when those decisions are not popular with representatives of the police powers, we will have less police brutalities, and more public respect for both the police as well as the courts. When more members of the judiciary have the guts of a Robert Reid to be his own man and to make his own court decisions, maybe then "Equal Justice Under The Law," a constitutional guarantee, will have more meaning and more sincerity.

If the general public should be gullible enough to buy the recent attempt to tarnish the image of Justice Robert Reid, we will be another hundred years in getting the courts and the police separated as they should have been all the time. For, if the public is led to believe that Justice Reid has been wrong then other members of the judiciary will be intimidated to stay 'married' to the police powers, and the people will be the victims of the mistake. We unhesitatingly give high praise to JP Robert "the People's Judge" Reid, and we pray that more members of the bench will have his courage to keep the police from running the courts.