WORLD RELIGION DAY

Las Vegas, Nevada, January 10, 1972--World Religion Day will be observed nationally this Sunday, January 16th. Locally the day is sponsored by the Baha'i Community of Las Vegas.

A public meeting in observance of the day will be held at 3728 Fortune at 8:00 p.m. Patricia Minney, Paula Vaden, and Donna Huddlestun will speak on the theme for this year's observance "World Religion-Basis for Universal and Lasting Peace."

World Religion Day is sponsored annually by the U. S. Baha'i Community and is observed in over 4,000 American cities. Its purpose is to stress the oneness of all revealed religions, that religion has always been the source of unity and that world religion is the source of world unity.

Baha'u'llah, Prophet-Founder of the Baha'i Faith over 100 years ago, pointed out that to achieve unity and peace man must abandon his prejudices and learn to see himself as a citizen of the world. Religious, racial, political, ecomic and patriotic prejudices, Baha'u'llah indicated are the primary causes of disunity and war.

The search for world peace must begin with a spiritual search and be transformed into a religious experience. In the Baha'i Faith the power of the teachings of Baha'u'llah has transformed individuals and built communities consisting of members of many races, peoples, religions and creeds. They are united by love for mankind into a fellowship that has conquered division, reconciled enmities, and dispelled suspicions. World peace first begins in our neighborhood, then in our city, then in our nation and finally in the world. Baha'u'llah stated that religion is the greatest of all means for establishing order and peace in the world and the weakening of true religion has been the cause of chaos and confusion. Baha'is believe that Baha'u'llah is the Bearer of God's Word for this age and has brought mankind the teachings to make differences and conflicts give way to harmony and fellowship which will bring about world peace. -

The Baha'i Faith originated in Iran (then Persia) in 1844. Its teachings revolve around three basic principles—the oneness of God, of religion, and of mankind. Baha'is believe that in each age God sends a new prophet or messenger to renew religion and to provide the spiritual and social teachings for that age. The Faith has spread to over 313 countries and territories and in the United States it is established in over 4,000 cities and towns. The national headquarters for the Baha'i Faith is in Wilmette, Illinois (on Chicago's northshore) and the World Center of the Faith is on Mt. Carmel in the Holy Land.

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GOV. O'CALLAGHAN

Governor Mike O'Callaghan today directed agencies of Nevada State Government to continue to give first consideration to Nevada residents in hiring.

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Noting that he is yet to appoint a non-resident to any job, O'Callaghan said it is imperative that Nevada applicants for classified (merit system) positions also be given preference during a time of high unemployment.

"The State Personnel Division has done an excellent job in this area," the Governor added. "During the month of December, for example, there were a total of 142 appointments to classified positions. Of these, 135 were permanent citizens of Nevada. Only seven came from out of state.

O'Callaghan said it is estimated that the same percentage held true during the entire calendar year of 1971.

He reported there were a total of 2,143 classified appointments during the year with no more than 107 going to out-of-state residents--a 95 percent ratio in favor of Nevadans.

Last November, O'Callaghan rejected a proposal by the National League of Cities to promote Nevada job opportunities for unemployed aerospace engineers and scientists from out of state.

"The State of Nevada cannot embark upon any program to aggressively recruit job seekers from other states," O'Callaghan told the League.

"I cannot in good conscience endorse an organized program that would make the job search for our own qualified citizens all the more difficult and discouraging."

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