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## MASS MEETING CALLED BLACK COMMUNITY UPSET

### JIMMY GAY TESTIMONIAL DINNER



A capacity crowd of people from all over the U. S. A. turned out to pay tribute Dr. James "Spot" - "Smiley" Gay III, Saturday night at Caesars Palace.

If one had to single out the highlight of the evening, it was the request by Jimmy that this testimonial honoring him be dedicated to the following persons who have preceded him in death and who have contributed personally in some way in making this night become a reality for him:

His Father and Mother; his sister Ruth and Brother Robert; his Foster Parents, Aunt Pattie and Lillian Crow; Father-in-Law, George Glosster; Mr. & Mrs. H. B. Benton; their daughter, Mrs. Ruth Estes; his High School Principal, Professor J. E. Wallace' his College President, Dr. J. B. Watson; his College Coach, "Skip" Hazard; Fellow Teammates Claud Pumphrey and Charles Williams; Dr. C. A. Lawlah, the Team Physician; and twenty-six other A. M. & N. College Golden Lions.

Deserving special mention are: Lt. Governor Rex Bell; President Adolphos Mateos of Mexico; Mayor T. D. Wayne of Fordyce, Arkansas; Senator Pat McCarren of Nevada, Bishop C. C. Cox of Las Vegas, his spiritual advisor; Mayor E. Cragin; Mayor C. D. Baker and the following Casino and Hotel Executives--Jake Friedman, Ben Jaffee, Aaron Weisberg, Wilber Clark, Jack

Entratter, Charlie Kandel, Doc and Judy Bayley, Ben Golfstein, Joe Rosenberg, Jess Goodman, and Business Executives, C. Wengert, Herman Friednash, Oscar Bryant, Stan Oaks, Ed Von Tobel, and Austin Bowler.

Special friends include, Walter West, Tony Grasso, Catherine Cowan, Mrs. Charles Rich, and Maud Frazier, Education Department, State of Nevada.

Life-long classmate Heloise Clay, who was a friend from grade school through college, and whose brother is present with us this evening. "May they rest in peace."

Leroy Green, Raymond Fletcher, George Brantley, Mack Rucks, Thomas Brantley, Sutton McCreary, were members of the 1935 Championship Team that played in the Gary, Indiana National High Championship coached by Gay, a feat, considering the fact that Jimmy was a student himself.

As Muhammed Ali said during a training session in this same room, "it is hard to be humble when you are so great."

The expression "that behind every successful man stands a woman" is not true in this case, because Mrs. Hazel Gay has stood beside Jimmy all the way.

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A community mass meeting was held Monday night in the Pan-Afro Auditorium to seek community action to deal with the problem of Police brutality in general and the special problem of one officers behavior in particular.

Why the heads of our local government insist upon keeping this officer in the West Las Vegas area is beyond the realm of good common sense. Just how can they as heads of government justify the racist officers conduct and still want respect for law and order from the Black community.

This officer has a long record of complete disrespect for Blacks, as his record plainly shows. Could white superiority be a factor? How much are they willing to pay to maintain that feeling?

It would appear that this officer walks around with a match looking for the fuse to light. The youth of this community will not accept police over-reactions much longer. The older heads have prevailed upon them to work within the system. So far the system has not produced favorable results, because law and order can only prevail when tempered with justice.

The Black community must unite to deal with the complete disregard of our feelings on the treatment many, many, Blacks have received from some law enforcement officers. Is the desire to be treated as men and women too much to ask of our civil servants?

### Services Pending For Mrs. Odessa Bowman

Mrs. Odessa Bowman - mother of Marjorie Elliott passed at the City of Hope Monday. Mrs. Odessa as she was known to many has been under medical care for quite sometime.

Funeral arrangements had not been completed at press time. Spalding Mortuary will handle the services. Time and place of services may be obtained by calling Spalding Mortuary.

### Attorney Kellar's Mother Passes In N.Y.

Mrs. Irene Welcome - 83 died Tuesday, in New York City. She was the mother of three sons, Attorney Charles Kellar of Las Vegas, Samuel A. Welcome, a Civil Court Judge of New York, and Clebert Kellar, eight grandchildren and one great grandchild.

Mrs. Welcome a widow for the last 30 years, dedicated those years to civic and community work. Funeral service will be at Evergreen Cemetery, Brooklyn, New York Friday, July 29th. The service is being handled by David Lane Funeral Home, 39 Putnam Ave., Brooklyn, N. Y.

Attorney Charles Kellar left Las Vegas Tuesday evening to attend the services.