Local Problems Of **Aging Viewed On** TV-10

David Moffat, director of the Clark County aging services, and Louis Labat, lecturer in the Social Services Department of UNLV are the guests of Muriel Stevens on TV-10's "Project People," Thursday evening, July 19 at 7:30.

The problems of aging and a look at the local agencies striving to provide help and dignity for senior citizens provide the focus for the

To watch some of the activities in operation, Channel 10 filmed visits to Meals on Wheels and

to Foster Grandparents.

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Rustin Meany Rip Nixon Policies At Randolph Institute Conference

The scandal of Watergate, disgraceful as it is, is not nearly as disgraceful as the scandal of what the Nixon Administration's policies are doing to blacks, the poor and working people.

Thus over 750 black trade unionists heard Bayard Rustin, Executive Director of the A. Philip Randolph Institute, denouce the economic policies of the Nixon Administration and call for the strengthening of a political movement that can return the forces of liberalism to

control. Rustin was one of two keynote speakers at the Institute's Fourth National Conference, held May 18-20 in Washington D.C. The Institute is a national organization of black trade union activists; delegates to the conference came from over 100 communities in 33 states and represented over 50 national and international

Rustin accused the Administration of having brought to a stop the social and economic progress which the programs of the 1960's had produced. He noted that there were more blacks living in poverty now--in 1973--than there were in 1969, and said that while the percentage of black poor had been substantially reduced between 1959 and 1969, there had been no reduction since the inception of the Nixon Administration.

He added that it would not be enough to restore the social programs the Administration was cutting back. Rather Congress must press ahead with bolder and more fundamental programs to provide decent housing for all, full employment, free medical care and the like.

George Meany, President of the AFL-CIO, told the conference that the struggle for racial equality and the struggle of the labor movement to win justice for working people was a common one.

"If labor is wounded, black America will bleed," Meany said. And if the full promise of America is denied to black Americans, it will never be wholly fulfilled for labor.

Meany added that the "cause of labor can

never be advanced by being anti-black.'

"If the great majority of Americans were employers, then maybe the cause of civil

rights could be advanced by holding down wages, by weakening unions, by passing right-to-work laws, or otherwise by enriching the bosses at the expense of the workers.'

'But the great majority of black Americans are not employers, they are working people.

And any improvement in the conditions of working people generally brings an improvement in the conditions of black people."

Meany noted that the "deception, lies and skullduggery which characterized Watergate have been part of the Administration's eco-nomic approach."

"Yes, the Administration is doing a lot for the poor--it is dismantling the OEO. It is doing a lot for the sick--terminating federal health programs. It is doing a lot for the aging--forcing them to pay more under Medicare. And it is also doing wonders for

low and middle-income families by cutting off their federal housing programs."

The Institute, which was established in 1964 operates a number of programs to advance the political, economic and social conditions of black people. Its two largest programs are a national voter registration campaign and an outreach program to place young blacks in building and construction union apprenticeship programs.

Congressman Andrew Young of Georgia, during a speech at a luncheon on Labor as a Political praised the Institutes registration and voter education programs for having made significant contributions to the political progress of black people. Young, Congresswoman Yvonne Burke of California, a representative of Congresswoman Barbara Jordan of Texas, Congressman Walter Fauntroy of Washington, D.C., and District of Columbia Mayor Walter Washington all spoke at the conference.

Other speakers were Lane Kirkland, Secretary-treasurer of the AFL-CIO: Alexander E. Barkan, Director of the AFL-CIO's Committee on Political Education; I.W.Abel, President of the Steelworkers' Union; Albert Shanker, President of the United Federation of Teachers; Ernest Green, Director of the Recruitment and Training Program and Norman Hill, Randolph

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