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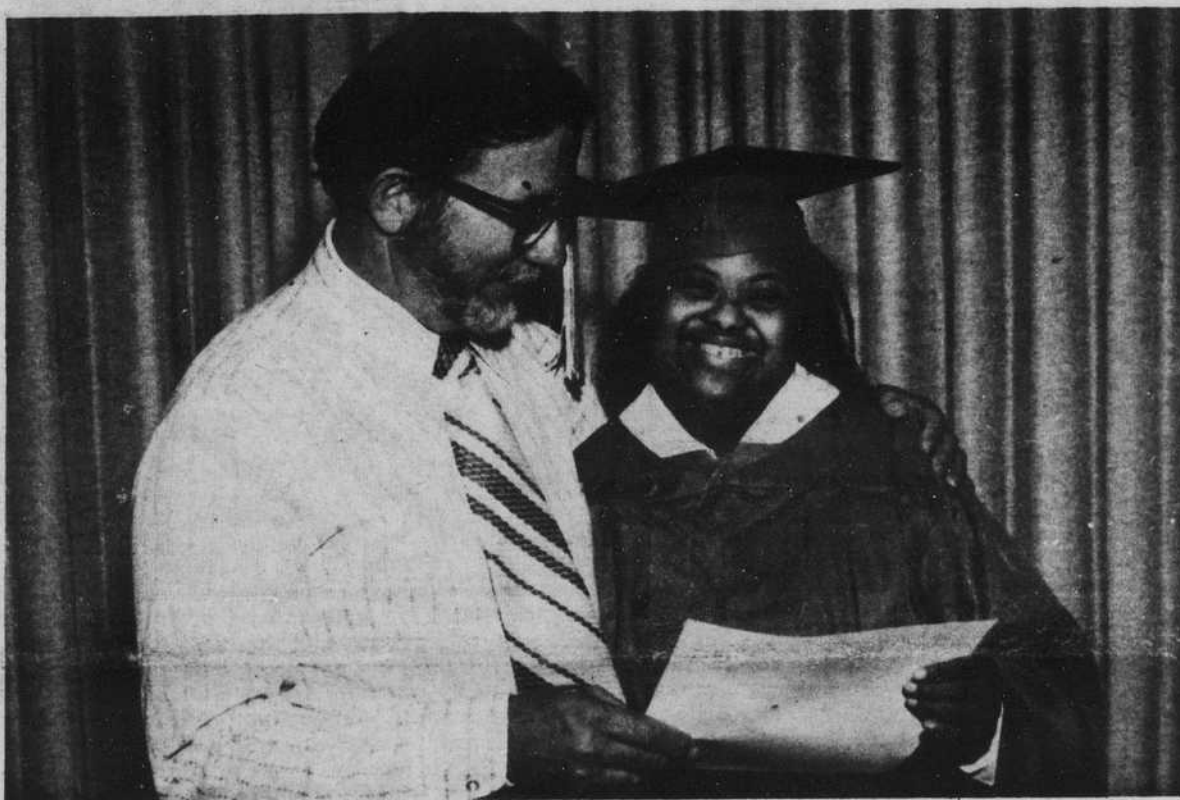
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KING STATUE FOR CAPITOL

WASHINGTON, D.C., June 19 -- Senator Walter F. Mondale (D-Minn.) will introduce legislation today commissioning a statue of the late Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. to stand in the United States Capitol.

While the Civil Rights Acts of 1964 and 1968 and the Voting Rights Act of 1965 "stand as living monuments to Dr. King's memory," Mondale noted, "I propose that Congress act to honor this great leader in yet another way." He said that his bill would commission "a statue or bust of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. to be placed in an appropriate place in the United States Capitol."

Pointing out that "not a single black American has been honored by having a portrait or statue placed in the Capitol," Mondale said that "this is supposed to be a building that symbolizes a government of all the people." He added that while "Dr. King's portrait hangs today in millions of homes, no such portrayal memorializes him in the halls of the United States Capitol--a building in which his deeds have been felt, and the seat of government of a nation which he has profoundly affected.

"Dr. King was uncompromisingly dedicated to justice, to equality, to faith and to peace," Mondale observed. "And for this important work, he received many awards including the Nobel Peace Prize, numerous honorary degrees, and recognition as TIME Magazine's Man of the Year."

Congressman Jonathan Bingham (D-NY) has introduced a similar measure in the House. His bill is co-sponsored by 141 Representatives from both political parties.

BLACK POWER

is in the voting box

HAPPY GRADUATION -- Dr. Robert Foster gives Bertha Ann Hardison a hug along with her certificate of completion from the Helen J. Stewart School. Bertha Ann was one of three Stewart graduates receiving certificates at the graduation ceremonies of Valley High School held at the Convention Center. Foster says Bertha Ann received a standing ovation from the overflow crowd of grads and parents at the time she received her certificate. The Stewart school is a special facility for the severely mentally retarded.

SOCIAL SECURITY INCREASE

The second part of a two-step increase in monthly social security benefits will be included in checks delivered in July, according to Ed Cocks, social security district manager in Las Vegas, Nevada.

The overall increases will amount to 11 percent for most people getting social security payments. A 7-percent increase was included in checks starting in April.

"The increase will enhance the financial security of about 30 million people who get social security benefits," Cocks said. "People getting social security checks don't have to do anything to get the higher payments. The increase will be added automatically."

Starting in July, average social security retirement payments will go from \$161 to \$181 a month. Average social security disability payments will go from \$184 to \$206 a month. Average survivor payments to a widowed mother with two children in her care will go from \$418 to \$435 a month.

For 1974 the amount of yearly earnings subject to social security deductions has been in-

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GOV. NAMES HOGGARD Sr. AND PHILLIPS TO MANPOWER COUNCIL

CARSON CITY--Gov. Mike O'Callaghan has named two distinguished members of Nevada's black community to the newly formed 13-member State Manpower Services Council.

They are David Hoggard Sr. of Las Vegas, director of the Clark County Economic Opportunity Board (EOB), and Cloyd Phillips of Reno, director of the Washoe County EOB.

Hoggard and Phillips join 11 other Nevadans appointed by O'Callaghan to the new council. It is one of two public advisory boards for Nevada's manpower revenue sharing under the federal Comprehensive Employment and Training Act. (CETA).

CETA, which was recently signed by the President, represents years of congressional action designed to give states more control over federally funded manpower programs.

Under the new law, state and local governments will form programs to meet their specific needs, rather than needs defined by the federal government.

Revised manpower programs under CETA are scheduled to begin in Nevada this summer. Elected officials of populous areas, such as Las Vegas and Clark and Washoe counties, may act as prime sponsors for CETA in their areas.

The State Manpower Services Council will review and evaluate state and local plans for manpower revenue sharing. Another new board under CETA, the Governor's Planning Council, represents Nevada's lesser populated areas. Members of both boards serve at the governor's pleasure.

Other members of the new council are Council Chairman Al Ramirez of Carson City, director of the Nevada Manpower Services Council; Robert Rusk, chairman of the Washoe County Commission; Harold Wyatt of Reno, director of the Inter-Tribal Council of Nevada and Mayor Oran Gragson of Las Vegas.

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8 POLICEMEN ACQUITTED IN CIVIL RIGHTS TRIAL

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BETHEL CONTROVERSY RAGES ON

The Bethel Baptist Church is still very much in the news. A vote was taken on whether to retain Rev. I.W. Wilson as the pastor. According to reports the Rev. Won, however those opposed to Wilson claimed that the election was not valid because the regular dues paying members plus members of the Board of Directors did not vote.

Many members had been advised that the election had been postponed and that they would be notified. They further claimed that most of those voting were not members of the church, and that some people voting did not live in Las Vegas. Tensions and tempers were very high with reports indicating that there was some gun toting going on.