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CIVIL RIGHTS LEADERS MET WITH FORD ON HOST OF ISSUES

WASHINGTON--Eight of the nation's top civil rights leaders met with President Ford at the White House to share their views on a myriad of issues ranging from Boston to Washington, from busting to unemployment.

The meeting lasted for one hour and ten minutes in the Cabinet Room.

The session had been requested by Roy Wilkins, Executive Director of the NAACP and the elder statesman of the Civil Rights movement, according to Stanley S. Scott, Special Assistant to the President. Mr. Wilkins, out of the country and unable to attend, was represented by Clarence Mitchell, head of the NAACP Washington office. Mr. Wilkins will have a later audience with the President, Scott said.

Vernon Jordan, Executive Director of the National Urban League expressed appreciation to the President for his consultation with the Civil Rights leaders. "This is something that has not happened in this country from the White House since 1958 on a regular basis," he said. President Ford had met with many of the leaders present shortly after he became Vice President.

Mr. Jordan told news- men that "one of the positive results of the meeting is that we have a commitment from the President for a continuing dialogue with us."

"We found the President receptive to our complaints, receptive to our ideas, and we presented him with papers on our views," Mr. Jordan continued.

President Ford assured the group that he would study their suggestions over the week-end.

Rev. Jesse Jackson, head of PUSH, told the President that the job crisis had already hit the disaster level within the Black community and he appealed to the President for some immediate relief. Rev. Jackson called on the President to help set the moral tone within the country, which he described as "institutional racism." He added, "Most people don't need help, they need hope."

Clarence Mitchell called on the President to support an extension of the Voting Rights Act of 1965, saying "I think there are enough votes in the Congress to extend the Bill."

President Ford agreed with Mitchell and told the Black leaders that he thought it ought to be extended. The

President said, "I favored broadening the Voting Rights Act five years ago and I supported the bill."

Mr. Jordan told the President that "if you ask us how you did in Boston, we must say you didn't do too well." Bayard Rustin, Executive Director of the A. Philip Randolph Institute added, "We are convinced it was not your purpose to do so, but your statement opposing the court's decision contributed to the violence in Boston."

The President said he understood their concerns and promised there would be full enforcement of the civil rights law that makes it a Federal crime to interfere with the court-ordered desegregation in schools. He said "five top Justice Department aides were sent to Boston to look into the situation."

Dr. Carlton Goodlet, President of the National Newspaper Publishers Association urged the President to appoint a Black to his Cabinet, a Counsellor to the President, and a Black within every department of the White House. He also asked for Black participation on international matters.

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ELECTION 1974

SURPRISE RESULTS HIGHLIGHT ELECTION

Gov. Mike O'Callaghan swamped his two opponents in his bid for a second term in the general election Tuesday.

O'Callaghan walked victoriously through county after county, over Republican Shirley Crumpler and Independent American Party candidate James Ray Houston. Crumpler is the only woman in the history of the GOP to win her party's nomination for governor.

With over half of the precincts counted, O'Callaghan had logged over 60,000 votes; Crumpler 15,000 and Houston 14,000.

In the U. S. Senate race, Paul Laxalt had a close victory over Lt. Gov Harry Reid.

The former Nevada governor defied the scandals of Watergate and his tainted Republican Party's image to beat his Democratic opponent and the Independent American Party candidate Jack Doyle. With most of the votes tallied, Laxalt lead Reid 74,334 to 73,884.

Democrat Jim Santini beat back the attack of his incumbent opponent David Towell for the U. S. Representative seat. Santini lead Towell by about 30,000 votes---82,000 to 52,000.

Political newcomer George Holt apparently unseated Tuesday, Clark County District Attorney Roy Woofter in the general election. With most of the precincts reported, Holt led Woofter by about 3,000 votes. Holt, 37 is a former deputy district attorney and has worked for Woofter and former district attorney George Franklin.

Holt maintained throughout the campaign that Woofter, 40, was too familiar with persons of questionable reputations.

Clark County Sheriff Ralph Lamb was successful in his bid for a fourth term in the general election. He took 64 percent of the vote from his opponent Allan Bray, a Republican.

With most of the returns counted, Lamb had 23,000 votes to Bray's 13,000.

Tom Weisner, incumbent District D Clark County Commissioner, was successful in his quest for re-election over his Democratic opponent Ralph Mosa. Republican Weisner lead his opponent by only a slim margin.

David Canter, a member of the Clark County Board of School Trustees, won the vacated Commission seat of James "Sailor" Ryan, who was convicted in Federal Court of taking a bribe.

Canter, a Democrat, was challenged by Bill Byrnes, a Western High School government teacher. They were vying for the District G post.

Mrs. Thalia Dondero beat out her challenger, Republican Mark Gamett, for the District D seat. She will be Clark County's first woman commissioner.

The Rev. Marion Bennett beat back the weak attack of his Republican opponent Sammy Mosby in the race for Assembly District 6 seat. Rev. Bennett, who was the incumbent, is the pastor of the Zion Methodist Church in North Las Vegas. He has held that pastoral position since 1960.

Democrat Lonnie B. Chaney took command of the race for the Assembly District 7 seat. He was opposed by Republican Earl Swift. Chaney, 39, is a hotel maintenance man. He will replace incumbent Cranford Crawford.

The 26-year-old University of Nevada, Las Vegas senior was also an apparent winner in her bid for the District A seat on the University of Nevada Regent's Board. With most of the votes counted she led her opponent by a narrow margin. Mason said she would direct her attention to improving the University system with such things as minority studies.

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from the PUBLISHER

'WHERE ARE YOU COMING FROM?'

While there have been many surprises in this election, it must be noted that the end result with many of the candidates really put the Blacks a step backward. We at the VOICE are very disappointed at what resulted as a sell-out by a number of Blacks. We have observed some so-called influential brothers and sisters leading the blind and supporting candidates who were known to not be a supporter, by any stretch of the imagination, for the minorities. Some candidates put up phony headquarters in the Black area and hardly showed their face. The VOICE in special pre-election issues of the paper made endorsements of candidates whom it felt would be a representative of all people particularly the minorities. The endorsements See, Page 20