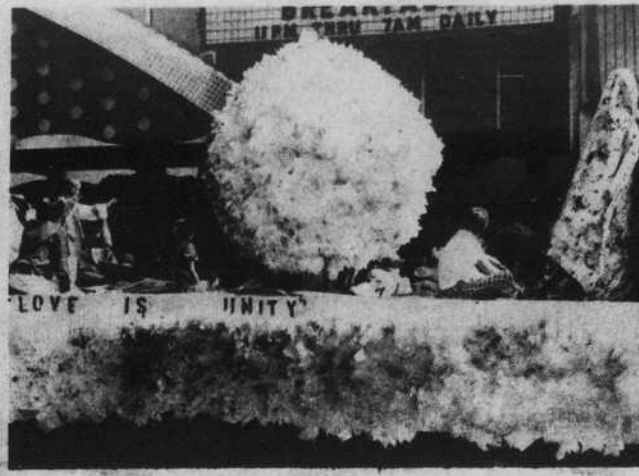


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QUEEN -- Rosie Smith, Miss Afro-Unity '75 and Miss Congeniality, rides in the royal coach during Afro-American Unity Festival Parade. She is attended by Iris Rancher, first runner-up and Ann Davis, third runner-up.



LOVE IS UNITY--The float of St. James Catholic Church, won first place Saturday, in the Afro-American Unity Festival. It's award was presented by Mrs. Ruth Bell, president of the Festival, at the A.D. Guy Center.



PACESETTERS--The Pacesetters came from San Bernadino, Calif., Saturday, to take part in the Afro-American Unity Festival parade. The group is noted as one of the best drill teams in the United States.

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Moten afro of year

Mrs. Bernice Moten, a member of the Clark County Board of School Trustees, was chosen



Afro-American of the Year by the Afro-American Unity Festival and Miss Rosie Smith it's queen.

They both rode in the royal coach in the annual Afro-American Unity Festival parade, which was held this year on Fremont Street.

She was presented the award this past weekend at a special dinner at the Moulin Rouge Hotel. Mrs. Moten is employed by the State Board of Education and has been a member of the Board of Trustees.

Other events of the affair included a teenage dance at Love's Snack Bar and an adult dance at the Moulin Rouge Hotel.

The affair was arranged and implemented by Ruth Bell, Willie McGlothen, Betty Fogar, Cary Brown, Grace Taplin, Bobbie Menifee, Jean Edwards, Adella Roberts, Juanita McGlothen, Lewis Roberts, Shirley Jackson, Estella Atkinson, Norma Fraizer, Roman Richardson and June Wallace.



Jackson appoints Black

Senator Henry (Scoop) Jackson, a leading Democratic candidate for President, has appointed Edward H. Lewis, a Howard University graduate, to his personal staff. Lewis is regarded as an outstanding expert on urban problems.

Jackson has indicated that Lewis' first major assignment will be to assist him in developing a program to provide jobs for the hundreds of Americans who desperately need work.

Senator Jackson, who has been critical of the economic program of the Ford Administration, says "every American who is willing and able to work should be gainfully employed." Heloise Poitier, Lewis is assisting four children.

Jackson in preparing a program that would pull America out of its employment slump, a spokesman for the Senator stated.

Lewis worked on Jackson's Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations for a year prior to his new appointment. Lewis also worked for the National League of Cities/U.S. Conference of Mayors from 1971 to '74.

Besides a Political Science degree from Howard University, Lewis holds an M.A. in Urban Studies from Occidental College in Los Angeles, Calif.

A native of New Haven, Connecticut, Lewis and his wife, the former Heloise Poitier, have four children.

Black African Countries turn sights to Israel

Evidence is piling up to indicate that many Black African nations now believe they made the wrong choice when they broke off mutually helpful relations with Israel in the wake of 1973's Yom Kipper War and the Arab oil embargo.

For nearly a year, reports out of Africa have indicated growing disenchantment with the Arab states on the part of their Black African neighbors.

Hopeful of favorable oil prices--and needing them to stave off economic collapse--Black Africans have been disillusioned. Not only have the favorable prices not been granted, but economic aid promised by oil-rich Arab states has not materialized.

"Zaire's President Mobuto Sese Seko dropped a strong hint to that effect to a recent

Arab economic mission. Since breaking with Israel, he complained, the Africans have received only 'moral aid' --and higher oil prices from the Arabs. Zaire's oil bill last year rose \$100 million.

"He would not be surprised, Mobuto said, 'if certain African nations resume diplomatic relations with Israel,'" Newsweek reported.

If Black Africa's "reassessment" leads to a resumption of friendly relations with Israel, it won't be a surprise, either, to other longtime observers of the African scene.

In a penetrating study of African-Arab relations in the current issue of Congress Monthly, Naomi Leving concludes that Arab-African solidarity "is

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VOICE takes larger space

The Las Vegas VOICE took another step in its continuing growth process this week with a move to larger and more convenient offices.

The move took the publishing office from the west to the east end of the Moulin Rouge building, where it is now quartered in Suite F.

The street address remains the same, 900 W. Bonanza.

Business was uninterrupted during the move.

Expansion of the newspaper and plans to offer more complete service made it necessary for the VOICE to find more adequate working space.