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Toston Gets Convention Post



ROOSEVELT TOSTON

Prominent Las Vegas television newsman Roosevelt Toston, 33, will begin his new \$14,000-a-year job Monday as tourism-marketing manager.

Toston will fill the vacancy left by the firing of Otis Harris, 34, by the Las Vegas Convention and Visitors' Authority last May.

Harris launched a suit in federal court against that body charging it with discrimination. He said he was fired because he is Black.

Toston's duties will include working with travel agents in promoting Las Vegas familiarization tours of the Convention Center for agents and attending travel-trade shows across the U.S. he said he feels he is qualified for the job because of his experience dealing with people while in the broadcast industry.

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Charline Echols has been named director of Westside Counseling Center 1830 North Highland, a satellite clinic of the Las Vegas Mental Health Center.

Ms. Echols has been at the Westside Center since November 1973 in the position of psychiatric social worker.

From 1970-73, she was a trainer and counselor with Training Consultants, Inc. under the Federally sponsored JOBS program and in 1972 coordinated a JOBS program at Valley Hospital. During 1969-70, Ms. Echols worked for Manpower Career Development Agency in New York City as a human resource specialist and prior to that was a caseworker for the city's department of social services.

Ms. Echols received her Bachelor of Arts degree,

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CHARLINE ECHOLS

from Howard University, Family Counseling Service Washington, D.C. in 1968. She is on the board of counselor at Focus.

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Rev. Abernathy arrives in Las Vegas



REV. RALPH ABERNATHY

The Rev. Ralph Abernathy, head of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC), last night called Las Vegas a city that has its discrimination covered by glamour, as he arrived at McCarran International Airport.

Rev. Abernathy said he was summoned to Las Vegas by several Black activists "to help awaken the conscience of this community to the injustice in Las Vegas so that it will bring about fair employment of its minorities."

The successor to the Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr. arrived at the airport at about 8 p.m., after being delayed in Denver, Colorado, enroute from there here. He had first been scheduled to arrive at 5

p.m. from Atlanta, Georgia.

He was rushed from the airport by Otis Harris, the Rev. Al Dunn and State Senator Joe Neal to a rally at the Greater Faith Baptist Church in North Las Vegas. He is scheduled to hold a press conference at 9 a.m. Wednesday at the headquarters of the local chapter of the NAACP, 1024 W. Owens Ave.

After which he said he would lead a motorcade from there to picket the Las Vegas Convention Center and the State Building.

Rev. Dunn said Dr. Abernathy was here to help bring to light the unjust firing of Otis Harris as tourist-market manager for the Las Vegas Convention and Visitors'

Authority (LVCVA).

He will man a picket line in front of the State Building because of the firing of Robert Elliott as a probation officer for the Nevada State Boys Parole. Elliott has charged Gov. Mike O'Callaghan had him fired because he became involved in the suit that has been brought against the LVCVA by Harris, a spokesman said.

Harris has brought suit in federal court charging that he was fired last May by the LVCVA because he was Black.

Abernathy said he had no immediate plans to bring any legal actions against the LVCVA. "I will keep an open ear to Harris and his group before I make any decisions," he said.

He added he plans to set up a branch of SCLC here if not on this trip, then in the near future.

He said Las Vegas hides its discriminatory practices to the outside world by its glitter. He said, however, he plans to put an end to that discrimination.

Abernathy and his wife were met at the airport by about 20 residents of the Black community.

Shirley Chisholm files petitions for equal media coverage

Congresswoman Shirley Chisholm (Dem.-N.Y.) filed comments today with the FCC (Federal Communications Commission) on two petitions for declaratory rulings which, if granted, would substantially alter broadcast media coverage of all elections and candidates.

The Commission is expected to issue rulings in the near future on a petition filed April 22nd of this year by the Aspen Institute Program on Communications and Society and a petition filed July 16th by CBS. Mrs. Chisholm is challenging the petitions on both procedural and substantial grounds.

The Aspen Institute has asked the FCC to exempt news interview shows from equal opportunity provisions. This would mean that nationally-televised programs such as NBC's "Meet the Press" and CBS' "Face the Nation" could exclude declared presidential candidates from appearing with other candidates on a segment of the show aired during the presidential race.

In 1972, Mrs. Chisholm, an announced candidate for the Democratic nomination brought suit against the networks when "Meet the Press" invited other declared candidates to appear and did not invite her. The FCC upheld the arguments of the networks, but a U.S. Court of Appeals reversed the decision in June, 1972 by granting her interim relief and ordering the networks to provide an equal opportunity for her to appear.

If the FCC adopts the petition of the Aspen Institute, it would in effect overturn this decision.

"If this petition is granted," commented Mrs. Chisholm, "it will mean that minority candidates and women who seek political office but do not have substantial party backing at the beginning of the race cannot get their message across to the American people. It is essential that the FCC not be allowed to amend existing communication law during this very important election year."

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