



SCLC TO BEGIN DEMONSTRATIONS IN LV

Rev. Albert L. Dunn, head of the Las Vegas Chapter of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLS), held a press conference at 11:00 a.m on Tuesday, of this week in the Elks Lodge, in the West Owens Shopping Center.

Following is the text of his statement:
The Southern Nevada Chapter of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) has called the members of the news media here today to inform the public of our impending activities designed to focus the attention of the world on the cesspool of racial injustices prevalent here in Las Vegas. The SCLC, in a mandate vote by its membership, chose to focus this attention by demonstrations through announced means, and to demonstrate through unannounced guerilla type non-violent tactics. The goal of SCLC is to impede the flow of tourism into Las Vegas and to cause conventions to seek a meeting site other than Las Vegas to hold their meetings. This practice will continue until the powers that be sit down in meetings with the SCLC to work out contractual agreement programs designed for the benefit of improving living, working and business conditions for the Black community which has been blighted by past and present discriminatory practices.

Specifically, a meeting must be held and agreements made with each of the following organizations:

1. The frame and unjust firing of Otis Harris must be resolved immediately.
2. Agreements must be made by these individual organizations and their membership: The Strip Hotel Association, the Downtown Hotel and

Casino Association, the Banking Association, and the Las Vegas Convention/Visitors Authority.

The SCLS will offer its program for negotiation in a meeting with the members of each of the above named groups. These organizations must contact the SCLC and indicate their willingness to sit down in a meeting of mutual respect and dignity to work out programs to help solve these inhuman conditions and work for the benefit of this Black community. Demonstrations will not cease until this happens. We expect momentum to build by the participation of many national civil rights leaders until thousands of people are marching up and down the Strip and Fremont Street.

We are also concerned about the Mayor's refusal to include representatives from the major industries and institutions on the Westside Development Committee. We are concerned that the Mayor's committee has no funds or full time staff to work on this massive problem which no volunteer committee could ever hope to conquer.

And we are concerned about what happens to this committee once consolidation takes place, or if neither the Mayor or Black elected officials heading this committee are not reelected to their positions.

In the past, SCLC stopped demonstrations in good faith in hopes that serious negotiations would begin to take place to solve the conditions that exist here. We have found this to be false hope and wishful thinking, therefore, we have concluded to continue until we gain some meaningful concrete results for those who must live under these racist conditions.



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Dr. W. Montague Cobb, an eminent anatomist, researcher who has served Howard University for over 45 years, was named national president of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People at the annual board meeting.

Dr. Cobb is the first Black national president to represent the NAACP since it was founded 67 years ago.

Dr. Cobb, who served as head of the Department of Anatomy at Howard from 1947-69, received his A.B degree from Amherst College in 1925, the M.D. degree from Howard in 1929, the Ph. D. degree from Western Reserve University in 1932 and an honorary Sc.D. degree from Amherst in 1955. He holds a certificate in embryology from the Marine Biology Laboratory, Woods Hole, Massachusetts, where he studied on a Blodgett scholarship from Amherst. He completed his internship at Freedmen's Hospital and was licensed in the District of Columbia in 1930 to practice medicine and surgery.

Dr. Cobb has been a member of numerous professional and civic organizations, including the White House Conference on Health, 1965; President of the National Medical Association, 1964-65; President of the Medico-Chirurgical Society of D.C. 1945-47; Vice President of Anthropology, American Association for the advancement of Science, 1955; Board of Directors of the D.C. chapter of the American Red Cross and the International Development Conference, 1965.

Dr. Cobb has received several awards and citation during his long years of service including a Certificate of Appreciation from Franklin D. Roosevelt for "uncompensated services in the administration of the Selective Service System;" and the Selective Service Medal and the Certificate of Merit in the name of Congress of the United States, signed by Harry S. Truman.

Dr. W.M. Cobb
**First Black
National
NAACP
President**



SPECIAL TREAT

The students and staff of the Divine Providence Variety Day Care Center, were treated to a special turkey dinner with all the trimmings, courtesy of the Voice publisher Lawrence Albert's daughter, Michelle.

Michelle donated the turkey to her school for the occasion, and a good time was had by all.

Pictured above are the members of the fine staff at Divine Providence. From left to right, Mrs. Lucinda Silas, Mr. Thomas Drago, Sister Corinne Marie, director; Sister Jean Kathleen, and Mrs. Jessie Thomas. (See additional photo on page 3)

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