

★★ **LATIN FIESTA** ★★

NELLIS AFB, Nev. - Hundreds of visitors from the base and local communities enjoyed the Latin Fiesta sponsored by the newly organized Nellis United Latin-American Club in the Recreation Center. The activities included Latin artifacts from Spain, Mexico and Cuba; homemade Mexican and Cuban food and refreshments; Spanish and Mexican dances by the Spanish Cultural Society of Las Vegas and trabadour music by the Trio Tampico.

Highlights of the day were the two children's pinata breaking parties and the music of Nellis' own Hector Villanueva. TSgt Tranquillino M. Ontiveros was the fiesta project officer.

Also on-base for the day were the Las Vegas Mexican Fiesta Queen and Princesses and a 40 member drum and bugle corps from the Institute of Technology in Juarez, Mexico.



AIRMAN JOSE E. HERNANDEZ presents flowers to Senorita Gloria Ramirez, queen of the Mexican Fiesta. Lt. Col. Jose J. Olvera (right) was her escort during the coronation ceremony at the Sahara Hotel on Sept. 15.



ANDRES PINO, a member of the Trio Tampico, sings a Spanish song to Maria Mar, wife of Sgt. Sergio Mar, 474th Field Maintenance Squadron, during the Latin Fiesta held in the Recreation Center on Sept. 12.

Black Group Rejects Separatism

The A. Philip Randolph Institute, an organization of black trade unionists, today announced that it totally rejects the concept of separation of the races. In unionism, in economics and in politics, the Institute emphasized that it is wholly in accord with the principle of black-white coalition and cooperation.

The announcement of policy was a part of an appeal to trade unionists, both black and white, to become active in the forthcoming elections. Bernard "Bernie" Rivers, executive director of the A. Philip Randolph Institute in Nevada,



RAEHEL SANDOVAL, member of the Society for Spanish Culture, entertains fiesta visitors at the Recreation Center.



A YOUNGSTER takes a swing at the pinata, at tempting to break it to get the goodies inside, during the Nellis Latin Fiesta.

announced plans for the organization to take a new and dynamic approach to political activity.

The A. Philip Randolph Institute was established in 1965 when the black struggle won one of its greatest legislative victories - the Voting Rights Act. The institute was founded on the premise that to go beyond the achievement of civil rights would require basic far-reaching institutional changes in the nation's social and economic structure. The means of effecting these changes, it was felt, would have to be political. The institute's programs have been directed to extending democracy to those who have been traditionally disenfranchised or discouraged from participating in the political system.

The institute has worked for a broad based national coalition of all forces which believe in social progress for the poor and working people and the minorities. The labor movement has occupied a pivotal role within this alliance, serving as a bi-racial organizational vehicle of working people. Rivers said that more minority members and more poor working people are voting each year, and more than 3,000 blacks are currently serving as elected officials.

Representation in itself is not enough, added Rivers. The poor and the minorities have felt the scandalous rate of unemployment, deterioration of housing in the ghettos and the inability to stem inner-city blight. The A. Philip Randolph Institute, he said, believes that blacks by themselves cannot secure the changes in national policy necessary to complete the legacy of the civil rights movement. "Separatism," said Rivers, "no matter how expressed, is self-defeating and as crippling to blacks as was Jim Crow before it. The APR Institute believes in intergration in all aspects and particularly in a strong interracial political alliance. We believe in the black trade unionist as a source of strength in society. In an effort to enhance the role of the black unionist both in the community and in the labor movement the institute has mounted an extensive voter registration program and is going into a get-out-and-vote program in the minority communities.

The institute has established offices at 507 Jackson St. Las Vegas. Rivers sketched the background of the organization as growing out of the traditions established by A. Philip Randolph, who united and organized the Pullman porters and other workers in the labor movement and endeavored to create a degree of political awarness in his people.

Registration for the General Election Closes October 2nd.

Working Hand In Hand

A First-Ever Basketball

Reserved seat tickets for the Seattle Super-sonics/New York Nets NBA exhibition basketball game, which will be played in the Aladdin Theatre for the Performing Arts, Friday, Oct. 8, are now on sale at the Aladdin Ticket Office, Odyssey Records and Starwood I & II.

The first-ever basketball game to be played in the new \$10 million performing arts theatre will put the former ABA Champion New York Nets, with "Dr." Julius Irving and the newly acquired Nate Archibald, against the always explosive Bill Russell - coached Supersonics. The game will mark the first west coast appearance of the incredible "Dr. J."

The Aladdin Theatre for the Performing Arts seats 7,500 persons, making it the largest indoor venue for basketball in Las Vegas. The court will be set up cross-stage with regular theatre-seating in a semi-circle on one side of the court. There will be no obstructed seats and the furthest viewing point will be fewer than 160 feet from the court.

Yesterday's Nevada

"Yesterday's Nevada," an eight-page brochure of maps showing 200 ghost towns, early railroads, pioneer trails and other facets of the state's earlier years, is again available from Nevada Highway Department, it was announced this week.

First printing, announced in news releases a few weeks ago, was depleted within three days. Supplies of the new printing are being provided to all Highway Department District Offices in the state at no charge.

The folder was produced by the Department's Cartographic and Graphic Arts Section which also is responsible for the Official Nevada Highway Map and for detailed quadrangle maps which are available at a nominal cost at the Carson City Headquarters.

"WRITING"

Writers and those with a serious desire to write non-fiction for publication will benefit from "Professional Writing," a course beginning Oct. 14 at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas.

The three-unit credit course, offered Thursdays from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m., will provide special guidance and instruction to the beginners in non-fiction, both in writing and marketing their works.

William J. Plummer, a local resident and author of "A Quail in the Family," "Friends of the Family" and "Five of a Kind," will feature special aids, techniques or devices helpful in learning to write successfully.

For further information, contact the Division of Continuing Education at UNLV's Frazier Hall.

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