

THE SPIDER'S WEB

JIMMY WITHERSPOON

"The blues to me is nothing but a feeling -- it's black music from America. It came from men who wanted to be known, respected, but didn't know how. They didn't want it through religion. Blues singers were respected, even in whore houses and honky-tonks."

The words of Jimmy Witherspoon, who is testing the big time again with LOVE IS A FIVE LETTER WORD, are powerful and oozing with feeling. He knows the blues; he's suffered with them. And he's been able to resurface bringing the only music he knows with him.



BLUE NOTE ARTIST

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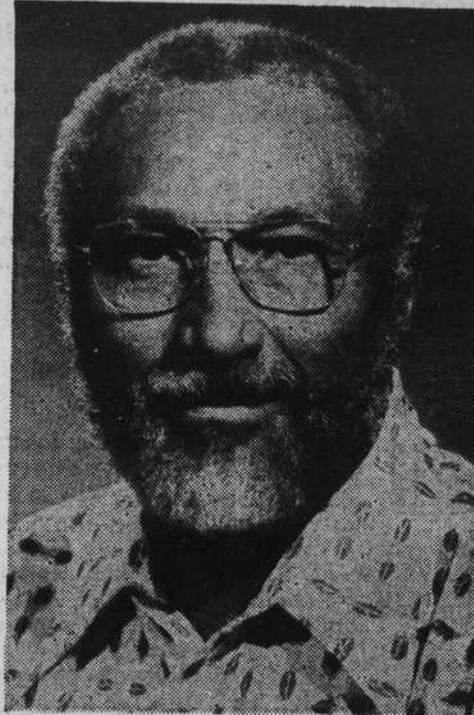
To members of the NAACP and the entire community:

Some weeks ago in answer to the nominating committee I stated that I would willingly take on the responsibility of serving as president of the branch for the 1977-78 term. To me this is a serious commitment and though I would not seek the position on my own I feel humbly appreciative of having an opportunity to work at the fulfillment of a desire to see Las Vegas become a model for other cities to copy as we demonstrate the practice of full citizenship where all Americans can feel secure in the knowledge that they have finally experienced this dream.

Planning, not talking, is the method through which I believe we can win our case. Putting into practice every tactical maneuvers both old and new to erase the inequities still existing among our people.

With the very faithful and activity persons presently serving the organization and others whom we will make every effort to bring in we will work diligently to secure equal job opportunities, training, educational excellence, living accommodations wherever one desires and removal of all vestiges of discrimination. I request your vote for the full slate of officers as presented by the nominating committee who by the way did a splendid job. I will need especially the fine support of Ms. Sarann Knight as Vice Chairperson, Mr. Aaron William 2nd Vice Chairman, Mr. James Tyree, Treasurer, Ms. Jackie Smith, Gwen Brown, Secretaries, with the very fine persons for executive board.

Sincerely,
Dr. James B. McMillian



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Q -- I am currently on active duty but will be granted excess leave to attend school. Under the GI Bill will I be paid as a serviceman or veteran?

A -- An in-service student attending school under the GI Bill while on excess leave without pay, if otherwise eligible, may be paid educational assistance allowance at the rates payable to eligible veterans.

Q -- Due to a financial emergency I am contemplating surrendering my National Service Life Insurance. I am hesitant to do this because I have had this policy since World War II. Is there any other avenue open to me?

A -- You may want to consider the option of applying for a maximum policy loan. You can receive 94 per cent of the cash value. In addition, the policy will remain in force.

Q -- I am entitled to a grant for a specially adapted wheelchair home. I have my own home which is paid for, but would like to remodel it. May I use my grant for this purpose?

A -- Yes. A grant of not more than 50 per cent, up to \$25,000, may be used to pay part of the cost of building, buying or remodeling such homes or paying indebtedness on such homes already acquired. VA specialists are available to assist in obtaining services of an architect, obtaining construction bids and arranging necessary financing.

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