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ALEX HALEY'S name has become a household word since the publication of his phenomenal best-selling book "ROOTS", and the equally phenomenal ABC-TV version of that book. This internationally known author, traveller and lecturer is scheduled to speak here on June 18, 1977 at Hams Concert Hall under the sponsorship of Las Vegas Chapter National Assoc. of Black Social Workers, funded by the Nevada Humanities Committee. Free to the public. Box office opens at 6:00 p.m. Program begins at 8:00 pm. Tickets on a first come first serve basis.

Sitting on a front porch in Tennessee some 50 years ago, Alex Haley heard an unforgettable story from his Grandma. It was an oral history of his family which had been passed down through seven generations of his ancestors. This story became the basis for Mr. Haley's remarkable 12-year search for his roots. He travelled extensively trying to expand on the few clues which his grandmother gave him, many of them leading only to dead ends. Before he was finally able to trace his maternal family back to the Mandingo youth named Kunta Kinte, he had to travel three continents, make 25 trips to Africa, make visits to both the Library of Congress and the British Museum, and converse with hundreds of people in many countries. His detective work gave him the information on which he based "ROOTS", which was published in the Fall of 1976 and has had unprecedented sales ever since. The ABC-TV version of this book has changed the course of thinking in AMERICA.



COUNTY COMMISSIONERS PROCLAIM
JUNE 18th, 1977 "ALEX HALEY DAY"
IN THE COUNTY OF CLARK

Mrs. Thalia M. Dondero, Chairman of the County Commissioners (left) presents the proclamation to; Kay Clark, Treasurer and Leon Hardinson, President of the Las Vegas Chapter of the National Association of Black Social Workers.

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