

## \*\*V\*A FACTS

EDITOR'S NOTE: Following are representative questions answered daily by VA counselors. Full information is available at any VA office.

Q -- I am 55 years of age and have been awarded Social Security benefits because of a recent severe disability. I still have my World War II NSLI and have been told that I may not have to pay any more premiums.

A -- You may be eligible for a waiver of premiums if you have not been able to work for a minimum of six months. Contact the nearest VA office for assistance.

Q -- I have a 50 per cent service-connected disability. Am I eligible for treatment for any nonservice-connected condition?

A -- Congress passed a law in October 1976 that provides for medical services for any condition for a veteran who has a service-connected condition rated 50 per cent or more. Previously, this benefit was available only to veterans whose service-connected disabilities were rated at 80 per cent or more.

Q -- I was discharged in 1953. Am I eligible for educational assistance under the current GI Bill?

A -- No. To qualify under the present law you must have had service after Jan. 31, 1955.

Q -- Who is eligible for VA hospitalization?

A -- A veteran with one day of active duty who was separated under conditions other than dishonorable is entitled to VA care.

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tions. It also accepts contracts from the Federal government to perform specific projects. Affiliates are supported largely by their local United Ways, contributions from local sources and some may even offer memberships.

In the realm of education especially, the Urban League operates the Street Academy Program which recruits high school drop-outs and motivates them to complete their secondary education. This program helps students receive their high school equivalency diploma through the use of individualized instruction and innovative educational techniques, thus enhancing their opportunities for better employment or further education.

An Urban League affiliate is sorely needed in our city, and we propose that it will be organized and begin functioning post-haste.

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## VOICE EDITORIALS

### Education is Power

By Thomas E. Wilson



On Friday, July 8, 1977, in the Club and Continental Salons of the Las Vegas Hilton, a new concept in helping relationships was moved from the conception stage to the embryonic stage. Mr. Clifford Alexander, Social Services professor at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas, and several others had conceived the idea that Las Vegas and its surrounding areas needed an Urban League affiliate. As a result of this idea a meeting was held at the Las Vegas Hilton to present the concept to several persons of different backgrounds and ethnic identities. The idea was well received and a sponsoring committee was selected. Several other committees were formed and met to thrash out problems of initial organization.

Mr. Frank W. Shattuck, Vice-president and Counsel of the Hilton Hotels Corporation, was selected as president of the newly formed sponsoring committee, along with Dr. Donald H. Baepler, president of The University of Nevada, Las Vegas, Dr. Beverly Neyland, and Ms. Sara Denton as senior vice-presidents. Other officers were also selected. Names of other officers may be secured by calling Mr. Alexander at 739-3311.

The Urban League is an inter-racial, non-profit community service organization which uses the tools and methods of social work, economics, law and other disciplines to secure equal opportunities in all sectors of our society for Black Americans and other minorities. Its mission consists of eliminating racial discrimination and segregation in the United States, increasing the economic and political empowerment of Blacks and other minorities, and, in short, helping them share equally in the responsibilities and rewards of full citizenship. The Urban League intervenes at all points in the social and economic structure where the interests of Blacks, other racial minorities and the poor are at stake. It trains members of these communities in the strategies and techniques for severing change in the status quo. It challenges the major sources of power, both public and private, in order to bring about positive and regarding changes in the daily lives of Blacks and other minorities.

The Urban League movement was first conceived in 1910 when the Committee on Urban Conditions Among Negroes was established to help migrants from the rural South find jobs and housing, acquire more education and adjust to the rigors of an urban environment.

The scope of the agency's services has widened considerably since its inception. From a relatively narrow base of assisting migrants to adjust to life in the North, the League has moved to the point today where it is deeply involved in basic deep-seated problems peculiar to the urban and rural poor.

The Urban League operates a wide span of programs through the national headquarters primarily in conjunction with its affiliates. Some of these are programs in employment and manpower training, labor affairs, minority aged, business and career development, education, housing, health, administration of justice, child care, and research.

The National Urban League advocates those public policies which in its judgment will be beneficial in bringing about the equality of opportunity for all Americans.

The National Urban League depends upon contributions and grants from individuals, corporations, foundations, United Ways, labor unions, religious groups, and other organiza-

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### The Hughes Report

By Thomas F. Hughes



Wednesday, July 6, I saw the installation of councilman Gary Davis and councilwoman Mary Kincaid in North Las Vegas followed by the reinstatement of Mayor Daines. Reasoning problems were then brought up and finally the controversial City Attorney appointment. At that point Senator Joe Neal addressed the council and citizens and not only lambasted George Franklin but threatened to all but annihilate North Las Vegas, to fight the elected council person, etc., etc., if they allowed Franklin to become City Attorney. It did not matter that the people had chosen the mayor and council nor did it matter that the city manager had chosen Franklin. It seemed it was a personal dislike of Franklin that prompted Neal's tirade. Supporters and non-supporters black and white seemed evenly split but more blacks seemed to be for Franklin than against him Franklin won. The final result was that Neal is said to have challenged one of the blacks claiming "payoff." Then Neal is reported to have told Otis Harris he would fight him all the way in his program. The Sun said Neal has now requested that Otis Harris be fired. For disagreeing with Neal? I am shocked that a man in such high position would attempt to stop the one and only Economic Development on the Westside. Does this mean go along with Neal or be fired? It is things like this that stops progress on the Westside. Rule or ruin should not be the theme and I cannot believe the governor or Bob Goodman will yield to this kind of pressure.

#### URBAN LEAGUE

On Friday July 8th Western Regional Director H.A. Talbert of the Urban League met with a steering group with the purpose of forming an urban league in Las Vegas. I had been invited and on arriving shortly found that Clifford Alexander was the one designated to gather a group to become the steering committee. Opening discussion was by Mr. Alexander who then presented Mr. Talbert. When the board designates was announced I noticed that the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (S.C.L.C.) had been ignored and I complained but had to nominate myself. How does a Black-oriented league ignore the S.C.L.C. - The S.C.L.C. is now the second largest and fastest growing Black organization in Nevada? "The Urban League has traditionally worked with the N.A.A.C.P. and the S.C.L.C." said director Halbert. He advised me he was happy I had spoken out. President-elect Frank W. Shattuck also came to shake my hand and commended me for speaking out. I am now on the Board and I hope that in the future proper recognition will be given to all Black groups, not just a chosen few when blacks are involved. If all blacks are to be represented, all black organizations should be involved. The urban league can be a real asset to the Las Vegas area and its efforts are sorely needed. Little or nothing is being done now to help blacks get jobs or to hold them. The N.A.A.C.P. Convention just concluded in St. Louis noted that subtle methods are now being used to eliminate Blacks and avoid hiring them. The great need of Blacks is jobs - holding them and getting them. Las Vegas has a sorry record on Black jobs and hopefully the league along with the S.C.L.C. and N.A.A.C.P. can change this. The consent decree has been largely ignored. In a future article we will delineate some of the problems at M.G.M. Grand, Silver Slipper, Stardust, Showboat, etc. Reports are coming in that will shock you. Even the City of Las Vegas is involved.