



Around Town

with Ed Brown

NEVADA SPELLING CHAMP OFF TO DEECE

MICHAEL GIBSON, the Nevada State Spelling Bee champion, is now in Washington, D.C. to exchange pins and coins from Nevada with other contestants in the National Spelling Bee finals June 5-9. Michael's parents, ISABEL and LEON GIBSON are to be commended for having tutored Michael toward the championship.

LINKS, INC. SET FOR TEEN PAGEANT

The LINKS, INC. Las Vegas chapter, an organization whose projects are geared toward improving and enriching lives of children and youth, are set for the Las Vegas' first HAL JACKSON TALENTED TEENS INTERNATIONAL PAGEANT on June 11, 7 p.m. The stage is groomed at the DUNES HOTEL with 14 girls competing for the Miss Talented Teen International of Las Vegas. INEZ ARCHIE, contest doordinator, is working with the contestants in charm, poise, articulation, talent and basic modeling techniques. Girls are selected from local and junior high schools by the school's counselors. Schools represented will include Valley High School, Western High School, Las Vegas High School, Woodbury Junior High School, Roy Martin Junior High School, and Jim Bridger Junior High School. Link members who are working with the contestants in the areas of stage presence, choreography, talent and creative expression, include ANNA BAILEY, EDNA

LAS VEGAS VOICE BENEFIT SHOW TAKES SHAPE

Another big festive evening is planned for July by the LAS VEGAS VOICE newspaper. This benefit show and bash will have the earmarks of being one of the area's stellar attractions. BARON PRODUCTIONS, headed by BRODERICK ACKERMAN, is rounding up some of the top talent in the country. All ticket holders for this event will have a subscription to the LAS VEGAS VOICE. Announcement will be made shortly on the benefiting organizations and details of the show and bash. In the meantime, listen to my daily show on KVOV RADIO at 3:20 p.m.

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ember, the job may be carried over into a part-time one if the decision is to return to school/college in the fall.

What is best for me? Only the individual person can finally decide this one. Things that seem obvious to some are not so obvious to others. What is best for one may not be good at all for another.

Whatever befalls, do something constructive. Let us as Blacks remember that we are somebody and that we have what it takes to make it. May God Bless.

HUGHES
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that "devils" come in all colors.

"Wallace Muhammad is not afraid to talk about some of the blacks who, in his view, are hustlers and opportunists working against the best interests of black people, and preying on the black community. These are the "devils" he's most wary of.

"Characteristic of black militancy in the '60s, a martial image of young blacks was encouraged. The Black Muslims then had their own "men-only" paramilitary unit called the Fruit of Islam. Wallace Muhammad had disbanded this group.

"Elijah was, according to religion's teaching, the Messenger of God, but Wallace Muhammad teaches that this was folly. He sees himself as a humble and mere minister.

"What is so striking about the transformation of the Black Muslims' creed, besides radical break with separatism, is its leader's enthusiastic embracing of an integrationist philosophy. Wallace Muhammad sees the invitation to whites to join the mosque and World Community of Islam in the West as an opportunity for the black members to "meet the challenge" of brotherhood. He doesn't have any literal interpretation of the word, when he says "devils" are "plotting the destruction of human form."

"But Wallace Muhammad's leadership has not gone unchallenged. The controversial changes in the religious sect have not been easy on the die-hard believers in separatism, and those with fond memories of the way things were under the leadership of Elijah Muhammad. Already, the rumors of infighting in the organization have been confirmed by the defection of Minister (Louis Abdul H. Farrakhan. The moderate voice of Wallace Muhammad to some black Muslims seems timid, alien, and too deliberate.


"Protests notwithstanding, Wallace Muhammad knew privately and, now, publicly, that blackness is not enough. It can help to instill knowledge and pride, but it falls short. When it got down to the money-on-the-table stage and to the subsequent operating phases of the Muslim businesses, being black only wasn't enough discipline to operate and see that costs were met.

"Wallace Muhammad saw instantly that extremist movements were dead; that followers of the separatist and ultra-militarists were vanishing species.


"Surely, in the latter half of the 20th century it doesn't make sense for blacks to view white people with horns growing from their heads. We know, too, that there aren't any halos around any human's head, regardless of his skin color."

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