


The Victory Baptist Church Educational Committee presents a Summer Banquet Theme: "It Can Be Done" scripture - If thou canst believe, all things are possible to them that believe - Mark 9:23.

The Guest Speaker will be Rev. Monroe Yearby of Grambling, Louisiana. Rev. Yearby is a retired professor from Grambling State University where he was an Associate Professor in the department of Social Studies. Rev. Yearby received his B.A. Degree from Southern University in Baton Rouge, Louisiana; M.A. Degree from the University of Illinois; Master of Divinity from United Theological Seminary, Monroe Louisiana; did his Doctoral work at the University of Colorado, Boulder, Colorado; and further study at the Perkins School of Theology of Southern Methodist University, Dallas, Texas.

The banquet will be held at the Silver Nugget Banquet Room on Saturday, August 11, 1978 at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are on sale at present at a cost of \$10.00 each. The proceeds will be used for scholarships for the graduates of Victory Baptist Church. Tickets are limited. If you would like to attend, please call 649-2996, 648-1574, or 649-1347.


Please assist us in the success of this event and feast from the Knowledge of the Dynamic Rev. Yearby.

Mrs. Louise Jordan is the chairman of the Educational Committee.




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Americans civil rights leaders -- remain anonymous figures among the masses. Indeed, anonymity is the greatest handicap for protest movements in totalitarian states. A faceless, nameless movement is easily crushed by the iron heel of the state.

The equation of American "political prisoners" with Soviet dissidents becomes even more foolish when we look at the alleged "crimes," and the severe penalties. For example, Aleksandr Ginzburg was charged with dispensing monies to the families of jailed dissidents. By that standard, any American involved with the NAACP Legal Defense Fund, trade union strike funds, or any other organization raising and distributing funds for law-breakers could expect a trial and almost certain conviction.

Anatoly Shcharansky, was convicted in Moscow on treason charges. The charge, of course, was a cover for his "real crime," his prominent role in the Jewish emigration movement. He was convicted and sentenced because he and other Soviet Jews requested permission to leave the Soviet Union for Israel.

For their so-called crimes, Shcharansky and Ginzburg received extraordinary sentences -- for Shcharansky, three years in prison and ten years in a labor camp; for Ginzburg, eight years in a labor camp.

Unlike most American prisons, Soviet labor camps have strict regulations and no grievance procedures. Shcharansky and Ginzburg will be permitted only one family visit per year. Their diet will consist of gruel, bread, and an occasional piece of fish. Meat is served only twice a year. One neither will be allowed books, newspapers or magazines. There will be no inspectors from Amnesty International, no meetings of "prison reform groups," and no appeals by ACLU lawyers.

While we have problems and injustices in the United States, I think it is important to remember that even in the worst of times America was never totalitarian. By contrast, the Soviet Union, even during its most "liberal" periods, was never less than brutally totalitarian. And those who deny or ignore the crucial difference between relative freedom and absolute slavery are either blind or foolish. Andy Young, I hope, understands the difference.

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lishment - UNLESS - it be a Black hand-picked by the establishment to lead the rest of us into the sunlight of opportunity, equality and justice for all.

Don't be confused that someone has arbitrarily set him or herself up as "leader" merely because he or she is willing to take action against discriminatory policies and injustices. Be qually alert to the danger of puppet leaders playing a game, a deadly game, against the community for personal interests and benefits.

The VOICE hails the action of the NAACP and those individuals identified along with the Civil Rights organization as plaintiffs in the suit against the County Commissioners. This publisher is certain that none of these plaintiffs consider him or herself as a Black leader with the exception of Senator Joe Neal who, as an elected official by the people he serves, has right to that claim as do members of ministry when those ministers serving their parishioners are selected by the people they serve.

It is our purpose to be on guard and to watch for divisive measures by Blacks. We urge you to join us in this vigilance. Begin to wonder why certain actions are taken and certain statements are made that seem out of context with the general thrust for equal opportunity, representation and economic development.

Start wondering -- start asking why? An example, in fact - Why did Rev. Albert Dunn take advantage of the NAACP's Federal Building Rally on Sunday to throw a curve at the projected establishment of a J.C. Penny Distribution Center in North Las Vegas? A Center, incidentally, which would provide not only hundreds (actually a projected 2,000) jobs for Blacks, but would mean additionally, the awarding of contracts to Black businesses in the areas of transportation, maintenance, security, etc.

It is a well known fact that the County would have J.C. Penny locate in an area far from the Black community -- So Why? Why would an allegedly firebrand opponent of the County introduce a divisive element that would benefit no one and which could only harm the Black population. Much as the County does not like it, it is a near certainty that if the J.C. Penny Distribution Center is not located in the minority community (Black minority), it will not be located in Las Vegas at all.

All the VOICE suggests, in the interests of progress for Blacks in West Las Vegas, is that we keep our ears and our eyes open and ask why when strange things occur. The answers aren't too hard to find.

Next week we'll take a look at another strange circumstance and situation of bed fellows in the not so subtle campaign for dominance of the Black community.

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