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Young To Get SCLC MLK Award



Ambassador Andy Young, United States Representative to the United Nations will receive the Martin Luther King, Jr. Award from the Southern Christian Leadership Conference at its 21st Annual Convention to be held in Birmingham, Alabama, at the Birmingham Hyatt House from August 15-18.

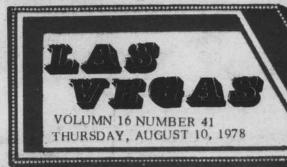
Rev. Dr. Joseph Lowery, SCLC President, in announcing the award said "Mr. Young has used a non-violence approach to promote world wide peace."

The Martin Luther King, Jr. Award was established by Rev. Dr. Ralph D. Abernathy after the death of Dr. King, SCLC's founder and first president to honor individuals who have given most to promote social change through non-violence.

Young, a former Congressman and leader in the Civil Rights Movement worked closely with Dr. King during the 60's and was himself an executive of SCLC. He was eduacted at Howard University and the Hartford Theological Seminary and has served in Myriad roles.

Other prominent persons to receive awards are Hank Aaron and Randolph Blackwell. The four-day working session is expected to attract some 1,200 people from across the country and hear such speakers as Benjamin L. Hooks, Executive Director of the NAACP, National Urban League President, Vernon Jordan, Eleanor Holmes Norton, EEOC Chair and Martha "Bunny" Mitchell, Special Assistant to the President.

SCLC has over 80 chapters and affiliates across the nation engaged in voter registration drives and political education programs.



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Dr. Claude G. Perkins

On behalf of the Board of School Trustees, and as your newly-appointed Superintendent, I would like to welcome all students and parents as we begin another school year. During the summer we have instituted a few organizational and educational changes which we feel will be helpful in improving the educational programs for the boys and girls of Clark County.

For the coming school year the Board approved priority funding for the junior high schools which will enable us to reduce the class size in fundamental subject areas and to provide for preparation periods through the employment of an additional 120 teachers. The 1978-79 budget will allow us to provide additional health services, expand the general music program in grades 1-3, and develop a pilot counseling program at twelve elementary schools. Also, extra teachers will be added to the high schools by taking the high school librarians off the regular teacher allocations. Allocations were also earmarked for the non-English speaking and human relations program for the 1978-79 budget year.

Achievement scores at the third and sixth grade levels were outstanding and much of this is due to the very fine work of our teachers and administration and the support of the Board of School Trustees for allocating priority funding at the elementary level for the past few years.

We are examining some problems at the secondary level and District administrators and teachers have begun to reassess the academic problem at the secondary schools and hope to provide a better articulation as students progress from the junior high schools to high schools. This year we will be emphasizing the need for student attendance and its relationship to achievement at the secondary levels in academic and vocational education. To accomplish this, we would appreciate your involvement, support, and assistance to teachers and administrators as we strive to provide the very best education possible for all students.

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