

**V*A FACTS

Q -- Are veterans with a non-compensable rating for hypertension automatically entitled to a 10 percent rating if medication is continuously taken for control of the disease?

A -- Veterans in this category are not automatically entitled; however, there are provisions for compensable rating to veterans who take medication for control of hypertension when other medical standards are met.

Q -- I receive education benefits under the War Orphan's Act. Will my marriage terminate these benefits?

A -- Marriage does not affect entitlement to education benefits provided under the War Orphan's Act.

Q -- Are World War I veterans eligible for VA home loans?

A -- No. Home loan entitlement is for certain veterans who served during or after World War II. However, certain WWI veterans may be entitled to loans insured by FHA. You should seek information from that agency or its field offices.

I.B.P.A.T.

The International Brotherhood of Painters and Allied Trades is offering a free health and safety seminar for members of the paint trades. The seminar will be held on Saturday, February 24, at Carpenters Hall, 501 North Lamb Boulevard, in Las Vegas.

Using dramatic videotape programs to prevent the snoozing and snoring so common during lecture presentations, the program covers a wide range of health and safety hazards, offers tips on seeking professional medical help, explains OSHA standards and policies and worker rights and responsibilities for painters, drywall tapers, sandblasters, floorcoverers and paint makers.

Each person who attends will receive -- absolutely free -- a 272-page training manual and reference guide. This manual explains respirator selection, provides addresses and phone numbers of OSHA offices, and lists 250 common chemicals of the paint trades, their harmful effects and how to prevent exposure to them.

The seminar is presented by an I.B.P.A.T. General Representative and funded by the Occupational Safety and Health Administration.

For free, you can't afford not to attend! Health hazards in the paint trades are serious. Each hour at this seminar could be worth years of life to you.

For further information, call Local 159 Business Representative Prince Smith at 452-2140.

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VOICE EDITORIAL

The Hughes Report

By Thomas F. Hughes



Recently appointed new head of Nevada Equal Rights Commission was Lee. Rayford of the Clark County School District. Mr. Rayford comes to us with an impressive background.

He was graduated from the High School Department of J. E. Wallace School, Fordyce, Arkansas, in 1954 as Valedictorian of his class. He entered the Arkansas Agriculture, Mechanical and Normal College, Pine Bluff, Arkansas, in 1954. After completing his freshman year he served in the United States Air Force for three and one-half years, from which he received an honorable discharge. Upon his discharge from the Air Force, he re-entered the A. M. and N. College and graduated in May 1961, receiving his B. S. degree in Elementary Education. A master's degree in education from the University of Arkansas at Fayetteville followed in 1963. While pursuing his graduate studies, he taught in the J. E. Wallace School three years at Fordyce, Arkansas, a school from which he had graduated more than a decade earlier.

He is presently a doctoral candidate for Doctorate of Education in Curriculum, Supervision and Instruction from East Texas State University. During his residency there he supervised student teachers located throughout the state and taught undergraduate Social Studies and undergraduate Language Arts.

Liaison: Economic Opportunity Board and Clark County School District - 1968. Site Administrator: Headstart - 1968 and 1969. Administrative Intern: Clark County School District - 1969. Adult Education: Clark County School District - Five years. Title I Program Assistant: CCSD - 1970 and 1973. Site Administrator Title I Summer Programs: CCSA - 1970, 1971, 1972. Reading Specialist: Economic Opportunity Board 1970, 1971, 1972, 1973, 1974.

Ground breaking was held recently at the future site of the Erma L. O'Neal Community Services Center, 323 N. Maryland Parkway. The HUD - funded joint venture of the City of Las Vegas and the Las Vegas Housing Authority is scheduled for completion in August 1979. The center is designed to include child care and development facilities for 125 children from low income homes. The programs will be conducted by the National Association of Latin Americans.

A recent report from associated press tells of a black Baptist minister from Georgia, the Rev. M. William Howard, was elected president of the country's largest ecumenical body, the National Council of Churches. At 32, he is the youngest person ever to hold the top office.

The post customarily goes to noted veterans of U. S. church life, but representatives of most major U. S. Protestant and Eastern Orthodox denominations unanimously chose the young Howard, a specialist in racial justice for a three year term.

"Our ecumenical journey is a journey which leads to unity but not to sameness," Howard said in his installation address as the council's 252-member governing board ended its three-day meeting in a round of Georgia beat gospel singing and worship.

Howard said unity must overcome the "broken community" among people and restore wholeness across barriers of "race, class, sex, age and physical limitation."

Howard, now of Princeton, N.J., is a slim, urbane American Baptist clergyman who heads the Black Council in another denomination, the Reformed Church in America. He has held various human rights posts in the National Council and World Council of Churches.

He grew up in Americus, Ga. near President Carter's hometown of Plains during a period of civil rights conflicts in that region and was educated at Morehouse College in Atlanta and Princeton Theological Seminary.

As new president of the council comprising

3 denominations and about 40 million members, Howard succeeds William H. Thompson, chief executive of the United Presbyterian Church. "He is known not only in the United States but the world as a distinguished churchman," Thompson said.

In related events: Thompson said the council's dismissal this week of the Rev. Lucius Walker, who headed its social action agency, did not indicate diminished activity in this arena, as Walker claimed.

The council is just as committed to justice and human rights as it ever was," Thompson said. The firing was based solely over the agency's deficit spending, he said.

Church representatives appealed to Carter to extend asylum to seven Pentecostal believers who have taken refuge in the U. S. Embassy in Moscow.

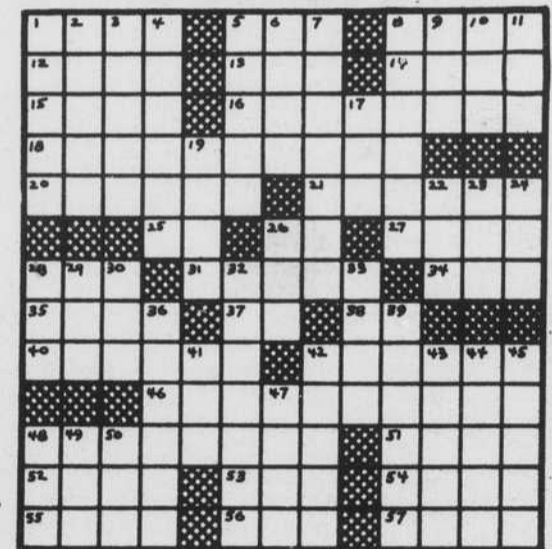
They cited 11 other "prisoners of conscience" in Russia and suggested exchanging them for two Soviet United Nations employees recently convicted in New Jersey of spying.

The council supported American Indian demands to maintain their "sovereignty as nations" within the United States.

The council condemned the "growing repression" in Nicaragua and urged President Carter to suspend all military and economic aid to the Central American government.

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ACROSS

- 1. Trucks
- 5. Indian weight
- 8. Allot
- 12. Aid
- 13. Sooner
- 14. Seed cover
- 15. New star
- 16. Makes bigger
- 18. Spruce or pine trees
- 20. Gives food
- 21. Wisdom goddess
- 25. Suffix: more
- 26. Like
- 27. 12 months
- 28. Average
- 31. Paired
- 34. Soap ingredient
- 35. Continent
- 37. Compass point
- 38. Out of bed
- 40. Odd jobs
- 42. Ancient Greek city

DOWN

- 1. Weathercocks
- 2. Over
- 3. At no time
- 4. Be hungry
- 5. Prophets
- 6. Sea eagle
- 7. Set free
- 8. Swampy
- 9. Work unit
- 10. Bind
- 11. Building wings
- 17. Insect
- 19. Microbe
- 22. Conger
- 23. No
- 24. Be
- 26. Devoured
- 28. Moccasin
- 29. Tree
- 30. — Grande
- 32. Attacks
- 33. Deceive
- 36. Covered passage
- 39. Peelers
- 41. Interjections
- 42. Wander off
- 43. Give back
- 44. Armistice
- 45. Useful thing
- 47. Stagger
- 48. Cheat: slang
- 49. Beam
- 50. Be mistaken

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