REV. ABERNATHY:

'I came from the battlefield and I came here to tell the giants and the pharoahs ...let my people go!'

"Let's get the vote." shouted Rev. Ralph D. president emeritus of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, to a gathering of enthusiastic supporters and onlookers Tuesday morning at the opening of the voters registration drive meeting held at the Elks Lodge Hall at the Golden West Shopping Center.

"If we can get the vote... we will have Ritesville, economic power, we can Mayor, a City Councilman, a County Coun-Legislature and a Goverter job and more money."

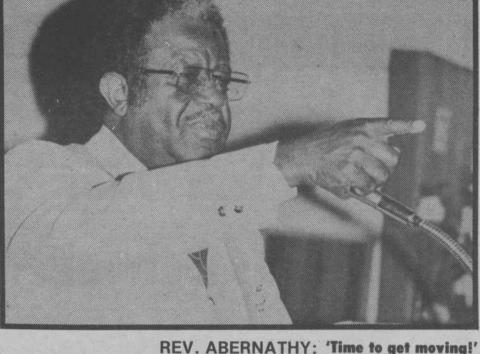
in Las Vegas early delayed the Georgia trip Hall.

following his talk with Neal and others.

the trip to Las Vegas or to registration. morning until a later date.

students at Clark College, scheduled for three days, Atlanta, Ga. His talk there Tuesday through Thuralso related to the need sday, with a breakfast to Las Vegas three weeks Las Vegas. And then once all, with females. The ston, State Senator Joe tist Church and the counterfeiting conspirac- concerned about the Abernathy lamented. Pilgrim Baptist Church. y, mentioned that he rights of all the people," He told the conferees Emphasis that, at the moment, he meetings was made on Dunn's behalf. was torn between making voter education and

acquire economic power in that small Georgia com- Rev. Abernathy clarified reference to the breakfast because we will elect a munity over the murder of the purpose of his visit, "I meal served Tuesday an 8-year-old boy and a have not come for a picnic morning. "I've eaten this current battle over and I didn't come from a morning a good solid economic power and picnic. I came from the meal. The lady who cilman," Abernathy con- economic power and picnic. I came from the meal. The lady who tinued. "We will elect existence. Priority was battlefield and I came helped prepare this meal people at the State given to the Las Vegas trip here to tell the giants and is qualified to be Mayor of because of the mounting the pharoahs, like Moses Las Vegas and would put nor that is concerned pressures arising for the told them a long time ago, flavor in Las Vegas like about the welfare of all need to get an adequate to let my people go. I'm she would put seasoning the people, and you will number of individuals depending on you to gain in the sausage. have a better home, a bet- registered in the Black political power in this community to achieve community," he told the Rev. Abernathy arrived their overall goal. He has crowd at the Elks Lodge political power. I want us



REV. ABERNATHY: 'Time to get moving!'

in these would continue to work in he explained.

Ritesville, Georgia. Laying the groundwork ments on the ability of Blacks, with poor people, tour and the needed trip There's strife developing for the registration drive, women, Abernathy made with minorities and, above to Ritesville. Georgia.

"I want us to gain to register every non-Abernathy, who came registered voter here in

To paraphrase his com- political power with his scheduled speaking

for political and economic each morning at the Elks ago in a fund-raising we get that right to vote, I women are the smartest power. His visit to Las Lodge Hall and with the project for Rev. Albert want us to exercise it. and have the greatest Vegas was made through nightly meetings held at Dunn's need for adequate Let's vote out of power old lasting power. I haven't the efforts of Rev. Albert the New Jerusalem Bap- bail relating to sentencing stale male chauvinistic seen a man yet who could Dunn, Rev. Ted Culver- tist Church, Victory Bap- in a federal prison for politicians who are not give birth to a child."

Rev. Abernathy returned to Atlanta, Ga. immediately following the "Let us share this Las Vegas visit to resume

THE SENTINEL'S inaugural cover photo of Dr. Ralph Abernathy as he whips up fire and brimstone from a Las Vegas pulpit, is by freelance photographer LINDA PLAT-SHON.

"To photograph Dr. Abernathy was a moving experience," Ms. Platshon said. "He has charisma."

Welcome To The Sentinel!

TO OUR READERS

This is the first issue of the LAS VEGAS SENTINEL and the publishers and staff invite you to participate in a new and enhanced dimension of cooperation with your community newspaper. Our goal is to bring you a paper of quality, integrity and accuracy -- a paper of which you will be proud, on which you can depend and with which you will want to become involved.

Our name, the SENTINEL, and our logo denote our purpose. We are striving to perceive and report to you what is real and to serve as an ever vigilant guard that will be alertly watchful, especially to help avoid danger to our community. In the center of our logo crouches our young black "sentinel", alert and strong, holding his horn and his drum. His is an all-embracing and responsible task - to know what is happening in our community and that which concerns all of us, and then to send the message loudly, clearly and without bias, for "the truth shall set us free". When need arises, it is his task to signal the alert of impending danger, for "if we are forewarned, we are forearmed". Also, the calling together of ALL the people for the purpose of presenting a UNIFIED front in times of trouble is his task, for "in our unity lies our strength

However, the young sentinel's success does not and cannot rest with him alone. He may send the strongest, clearest message and the most urgent alert, but if they fall on deaf ears, his efforts are to no avail. He may call all of the various groups together, but if the groups do not understand the wisdom of unity or cannot set aside individual selfish desires to work for the common good of all, then his vigilance, his guarding and his warnings are for nought.

The LAS VEGAS SENTINEL dedicates its existence to the building of an ever improving and thriving community. May our community and the LAS VEGAS SENTINEL have a never ending dependence upon each other!

Betty Brown, Editor

