

Neal Attacks CETA Move

State Sen. Joe Neal attacked the latest move by the Comprehensive Employment Training Act (CETA). He said the Greater Las Vegas Plan, created in 1971 to boost the number of minorities in the building trade unions in Southern Nevada, has been killed by CETA.

Neal observed that the agency had to close its doors in July because CETA refused to continue funding it and it was too late to get national project money

from the Department of Labor. "Ceta cut off the agency's funding because it was not directly involved in training minorities," Neal added.

He said there have been problems with CETA ever since the national program was put under the jurisdiction of the cities. He assured that he would try to find funding elsewhere and reopen the program because there was still a dire need for it.



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Board would issue a public statement as a result of Tuesday's meeting and regretted it would be too late for Sentinel deadline. "If it were in my power," she added. "I would make all top news events occur at the time of Black weekly's deadlines."

The outspoken N.A.A.C.P. director said that when she returned from vacation and learned of Mason's tirade against the N.A.A.C.P., she was infuriated. "I could have horsewhipped him," she said. "I couldn't believe that even a Leonard Mason, who is known only too well as a destructive element in the community, would make a completely unwarranted and unjustifiable attack on the N.A.A.C.P."

I have, unfortunately seen him operate as a candidate and witnessed the vicious type campaign he conducts under his premise that 'in politics anything goes.' But to attach the N.A.A.C.P. in his burning need to become its president defies credence."

Miss Key said it was ridiculous to criticize the local chapter because its funds were low. She said "the N.A.A.C.P. is a volunteer organization which has earned and maintained its credibility partly because it does not accept funding from any source. It is the only civil rights organization that does not receive government funding, for example. The N.A.A.C.P., nationally and locally, operates through money generated from fundraising activities and donations to the Special Contributions Fund, other than the medium derived from membership fees."

"Always," Miss Key said, "the N.A.A.C.P. operates on a bare bones budget and there are many times when a local branch is broke — even the National Office is broke. But we continue the struggle. some branches don't even try to maintain offices in their locale, but the N.A.A.C.P.'s quest for equal opportunity, justice, and freedom for all goes on."

"The N.A.A.C.P. is all that Blacks have (that's why the KKK is on our case — they know) and it is shocking to know anyone would attempt to sabotage it because of personal ambition and aggrandizement."

"And that is exactly what is happening here. Mason, who has lost all credibility in the community, would in pathetic desperation, seek to become President of the local N.A.A.C.P. to exploit it for his personal ambition."

"It was in 1964 that I became an N.A.A.C.P. Freedom Award recipient, bestowed (it reads) for total dedication and commitment to the struggle and the goals of the entire spectrum of the Civil Rights movement. I argued then, as I submit now — no one should be honored for working with the N.A.A.C.P. Working with the N.A.A.C.P. is a commitment to a future of freedom and justice for all."

"Those of us who actively engage in this struggle ever bear in mind the words of the late A. Phillip Randolph:

'Salvation for a race, nation, or class must come from within. Freedom is never granted, it is won. Justice is never given, it is exalted! Freedom and justice must be struggled must be continuous, for freedom is never a final fact, but a continuing evolving process to higher and higher levels of human, social, economic, political and religious relationships.'

"This you see, is why the N.A.A.C.P. can ill afford even time to waste on an insufferable like Mason."

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