



COMMISSIONER JACK PETITTI presented an award of excellence to Helen Taylor, R.T., assistant chief technologist in the Radiology Department at Southern Nevada Memorial Hospital. Ms. Taylor received her award for outstanding effort and work on behalf of the hospital and its patients. The presentation was made at a recent Board of Trustees meeting of the commissioners.



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## REAGAN ASKS BLACK FORMER AIDE TO HELP IN HIRING

WASHINGTON — Reaching out to the blacks who overwhelmingly opposed him at the polls, President-elect Ronald Reagan has hired a black former aide to help him hire minorities.

That aide, one of the few blacks on Reagan's transition team, said yesterday he expects no problem finding qualified candidates eager to join Reagan's conservative White House team.

"Blacks are much more conservative than their voting record indicates," Melvin Bradley said in an interview after his appointment was announced. And despite what he conceded is a common but misguided perception, he contended that Reagan "is not that much different on the issues from most blacks."

He said job applications have been

pouring in from blacks.

Bradley said he expects Reagan to "break new ground" in minority appointments, naming blacks and other minorities to high offices other than "the positions we traditionally get" in such departments as Health and Human Services, and Housing and Community Development.

He would give no specifics on what jobs blacks might get or on who might fill those jobs. But he said Reagan had a good record of appointing blacks when he was governor of California, "and I don't expect he'll operate any differently here."

Even Reagan's critics agree he hired more members of minorities than any previous California governor, but none was among his six-member state Cabinet or his inner circle of about 25 advisers. And critics such as Virna Canson,

NAACP lobbyist in Sacramento during the Reagan administration, contend many of the appointees were not representative of the minority community or its concerns.

Bradley, 42, was community affairs assistant to then-Gov. Reagan from 1970 to 1975, and is now on leave from an administrative job with United Airlines.

He said it was too early to gauge his own influence with Reagan insiders. But when it was pointed out how few black faces are visible at transition headquarters, he replied, "Yeah, just give me a week."

And he said he fully expected at least one black to be appointed to a Cabinet position. But he also said he had no guarantees from Reagan or the aides closest to him.

Perceptions of Reagan as less than the blacks' best friend are one reason Bradley's job is

necessary, he said. "It's important that the president let people know that his administration is looking for minorities," he said.

"I'm going to try to show a special sensitivity as far as blacks and other minorities are concerned," he said.

### PETITION

A petition targeted for the Governor, the State Senators and the Assemblymen of the State of Nevada is currently being circulated by residents of Clark County. The petition urges the elected officials to introduce and pass legislation in 1981, which will establish state funding for the development of a locally controlled mass transportation system. The petition calls for 56 new local buses and 1 bus terminal. In order to sign the petition, one must be 18 years of age and a resident of Nevada.

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