

LAS VEGAS BRANCH
of
National Association for the
Advancement of Colored People

Presented

"A Night With Sammy"

Honoring
SAMMY DAVIS, JR.

"The Man of the Year"



★★★ It Was A Night To Remember ★★★



(L-R) Ida M. Gaines, NAACP President Lovell Gaines, Verna Canson



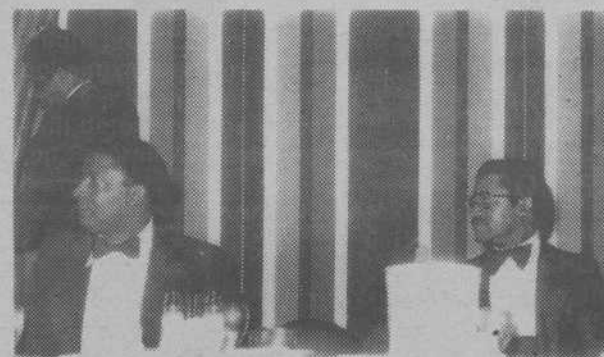
(L-R) Rev. Jesse Scott, Jimmy Gay, Hazel Gay, Virginia Brooks Brewster



(L-R) Honoree Sammy Davis, Jr., Altovese Davis, Jerry Lewis



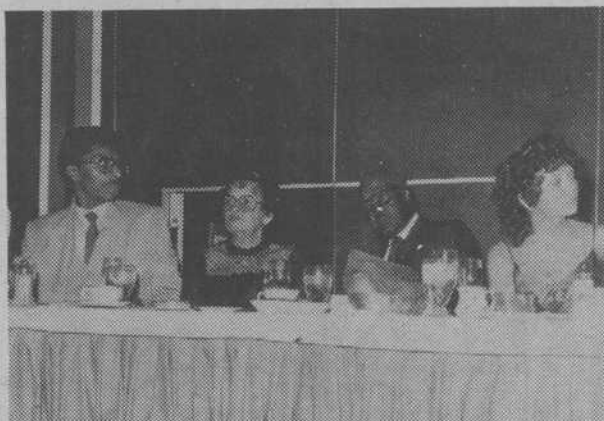
Sammy Davis, Jr. receiving County Proclamation from Commissioner Woodrow Wilson



(L-R) State Senator Joe Neal, Rev. Willie Davis



(L-R) Rosalind Guy, Judge Addeliar Guy, Rosalind Chaney



(L-R) Assemblyman Marion Bennett, Nora Wilson, Commissioner Woodrow Wilson



(L-R) Jeanette Davis, NLV City Councilman Theron Goynes, Naomi Goynes

LEST WE FORGET

At Caesars Palace last Sunday the man of the hour was Superstar Sammy Davis Jr., as the local chapter of the NAACP presented "A Night With Sammy" honoring the veteran showman for his philanthropic contributions to the world, and in particular, to the NAACP.

An estimated crowd of 1,000 were present for the festivities enshrouded with dignitaries and supporters from all parts of the country. Proclamations from around the nation "poured like wine" and the parade of Las Vegas' "Who's Who" strained to be seen and heard.

Local businessman and long time NAACP member, James A. "Jimmy" Gay, who gave birth to the idea of the salute, served as general banquet chairman. His efforts and hard work, along with that of the program committee, were evident as

the salute brought much praise for the magnitude of such a program. It was a massive undertaking.

Veteran comic Jerry Lewis, a long-time friend of Davis, served as Master of Ceremonies. Bill Cosby was to have shared the emcee chores, but was not present due to other commitments. He did, however, contribute \$5,000.00 to the local chapter for its work.

A considerable number of changes were made during the proceedings, making it difficult for Lewis to follow the designed format. In other words, the printed program was barely followed.

The glaring mixup took place when five principal awards to be made midway through the program were not introduced or presented. The recipients of the chapter's coveted awards were to be made to Sammy Davis, Jr., Jimmy Gay, former school

superintendent Claude Perkins, Las Vegas Sentinel's feature editor Roosevelt Fitzgerald and long-time NAACP member Elmo Aderholt.

It was also reported that some of the civic awards which were made, were done

without the full knowledge of the committee.

Former U.S. Congresswoman Yvonne Burke of California was the guest speaker and delivered a brilliant message dealing with the impact of the

present administration's economic and social policies plus the need for the NAACP to counteract those policies.

She observed that in today's society, it is no longer 'chic' for the races to intermingle as they did in the early days

of the non-violent walks and civil strife. Burke defined the change in the direction of the NAACP today. She advocated that a new direction should be mandated to deal with today's problems.

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