

## NAACP Prexy Seeks Atty. Archie Retrial

Las Vegas NAACP President James Allen said Monday attorney Robert Archie deserves a retrial on sex charges involving two teenage girls.

The Rev. Allen said the Saturday conviction of Archie, who is black, was the result of prejudice. Allen cited the all-white jury, the 19-year-old key witness who admitted trying to extort money from the attorney as well as filing false rape reports against him, and his sources' reports that a prosecuting attorney had a personal vendetta against Archie.

He said it showed that it would be impossible for a black man to get a fair trial in Las Vegas "from an all-white jury

and a white judge." At the same time the Rev. James Allen said that he had been told by sources inside the courthouse that prosecutor Bill Koot had admitted privately to at least one person that he had a "vendetta" against the handsome, 42-year-old Archie.

Allen refused to identify his sources.

It was Deputy District Attorney Koot who moved to disqualify the two blacks who had been called as prospective jurors in the case.

Koot explained that the disqualifications were not because they were black but because they either had previous

criminal involvement or had been associated with persons who had.

Allen said the trial is another example that racial prejudice exists in the system and the institutions of Las Vegas.



Atty. Robert Archie

"Any man, black or white, is wrong if he engages in sexual relationships with a girl of that age," Allen said, "and of course he should be punished. But I feel this was a total setup."

Archie was convicted Saturday by an all-white district court jury on four counts of engaging in illegal sex last August with two teenage white girls, one 13 and the

### Woman Shot In Face By Boyfriend

A 32-year old woman was shot in the face by her boyfriend Saturday morning at 1937 Alwill St., Metropolitan Police said.

The victim has been identified as Joyce Watson.

Police said the shooting was an accident and will not prosecute her boyfriend, Eugene Robinson.

Watson is in critical condition at Southern Nevada Memorial Hospital

other 14 at the time he allegedly seduced them at his home.

"There should have been some blacks — some of Mr. Archie's peers — on that jury," Allen said. "The only two black jurors were kicked off the jury. I think the state wanted an all-white jury so they could convict him."

"There must be some blacks on the jury for the trial of any black man to be fair — at the very least. The jury totally overlooked what Archie's attorney's said and the information he had."

"This is not justice," he said. "They're (the girls) just as guilty. The D.A. should have been taken off the case for prejudice."

Allen has appealed to the U.S. Department of Justice to investigate the case. After the NAACP convention in New Orleans, Allen said he will consult with his superiors and their lawyers at the national office in New York, who will also investigate.

"I hope this investigation will prompt Mr. Archie's lawyers to continue to fight, knowing we're willing to go through our national headquarters," Allen said. "For 74 years, the NAACP has taken a stand to protect the civil rights of men. And this office won't stand for this injustice. Las Vegas cannot afford to do this to blacks or to any minority."

Archie is scheduled to be sentenced Aug. 8. He faces a maximum of 35 years in prison.

The attorney, once a top Nevada state official, is being held without bond at the county jail.

## Bryan, Staff Appears Before W.L.V. Community

by George A. Burns

Before a standing room crowd only, consisting of nearly 300 residents and officials of West Las Vegas, Governor Richard Bryan, accompanied with his entourage of aides and State Division Directors met and discussed their jobs, what they entailed and how they affect the West Las Vegas community.

Bryan, in keeping with a campaign pledge to "consistently touch bases" with all those of whom he represented throughout the state spoke before a well organized and heavy turnout of residents. The Governor praised EOB (Economic Opportunity Board) for having done an "outstanding" job in its restoration of the old Westside school, the scene of the gathering. He described the job as being "first rate".

With the main purpose of the meeting being to define the roles of State Executive Directors and how those decision makers affect the lives of all Nevadans, Bryan stressed the need for all involved, whether they be governmental entities, businesses, the private sector or concerned citizens, "to share ideas and disperse more input into state programs, learn more,

and then all parties concerned would ultimately interreact with one another". The Governor also named individuals such as Bernice Moten, Alice Key, Luther Mack and Jerry Lockhart, as being "key and outstanding individuals in my administration".

Every director had the opportunity to speak briefly outlining their respective departments and their varied roles.

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Governor Richard Bryan has proclaimed June 29 as Economic Opportunity Board Day in Nevada in honor of the organization's 18 years of service.

The governor's proclamation reads: WHEREAS, the Economic Opportunity Board (EOB) was founded in September, 1964 for the purpose of administering programs of the war on poverty; and

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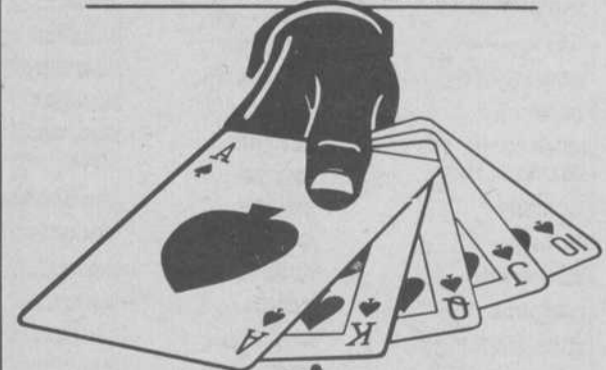
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