# **NAACP Counsel Says Police Violence Growing**

General NAACP **Counsel Thomas Atkins** charged last Wednesday that Police violence is growing throughout the nation because of racism and a belief by some police officers that they have the authority to execute street justice. The charges were made at a press conference during the NAACP's annual convention in New Orleans.

Though he complained that there are no national statistics to varify the extent of the problem, he said the number of incidents reported to the NAACP's 1,700 branches supported his contention. The reported incidents have

from the Western and Southern states, he said.

According to Atkins, the latest available statistics from the Justice Department on police violence against citizens, estimated that Blacks, who made up 11.5 percent of the population in 1975, accounted for 46 percent of the civilians killed by official police action. He blamed this police violence against civilians on the absence of guidelines on the appropriate use of force within police departmen-

"Police across the country in too many cases feel they have the authority to execute

"Whatever their future

numbers, Hispanics

already are a growing

force in American society," the study said.

that the current im-

migration rate will con-

tinue, because the U.S.

Congress is presently

debating a bill which

would limit immigration

to 425,000 persons an-

counted 26.5 million

Blacks and 14.6 million

Hispanics. The predic-

tions for Hispanics to

soon outnumber Blacks

is based on annual im-

migration of 1 million,

which includes an estimated 500,000 illegal

immigrants. With the present decline of the

birth rate, immigration

now is responsible for

nearly half of the coun-

try's population growth.

The 1980 Census

nually.

It is doubtful, however,

## **Hispanics Seen Becoming U.S. Largest Minority**

A private population study group reported recently that unless stringent new checks are imposed on immigration, Hispanics will probably surpass Blacks to become the nation's largest minority by the year 2020. The non-profit **Population Reference** Bureau estimates that Hispanics, with net im-migration-legal or not at 1 million a year, could total 47 million, nearly 15 the percent of population, within the next 37 years. Based on current population projections, Black would number just over 44 million at that time, the study said.

The study noted that there are now nine congressmen, one governor and at least three mayors of major cities who are Hispanic.

#### Young worker in serious condition

Vegas.

An 18-year-old Las Veas man who fell four stories while working on a construction project in Laughlin on Tuesday is listed in serious condition at Valley Hospital. A hospital spokeswoman said Daren Barnes, 2665 S. Bruce St., suffered fractured ribs, a broken right leg and lacerations. The accident occurred Tuesday morning when Barnes fell from scaffolding erected outside the fourth floor of the Riverside Casino, a family member said. Barnes works as a laborer for McCloud's

**Construction of Las** 

Las Vegas SentInel-Voice has moved its offices to a new location at 1201 South Eastern Avenue, Las Vegas, street justice. They make a determination that a person is guilty. They make a determination that a person needs to be punished. Sometimes that punishment results in death," he said.

Meanwhile, at the same news conference, Joseph Madison, director of the NAACP voter registration project, restated the NAACP's opposition to a black presidential candidacy. He calle dthe idea "the biggest hoax that's been pulled on Black folk that I can think of." He stated further that opposition to President Reagan was responsible for the NAACP's registration of more than 850,000 new voters last year.

### SPECIAL NOTICE

The Nevada Women's Political Caucus will meet on August 9, 1983 at 7:30 PM at the Mardi Gras Inn, 3500 Paradise Road.

This group's primary purpose is to encourage growth and political participation of women at the local, state, and national levels of government. Reservations are not necessary.

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#### Vegas man sentenced on robbery charge

A Las Vegas man was sentenced to 16 years in the Nevada State Prison for armed robbery Wednesday. District Judge Jim Brennan sentenced Amador Robles Jr., 505 Wardelle St., who pleaded guilty to one charge of armed robbery,

in exchange for the dismissal of another charge, and of a count of burglary. According to the court record, Robles robbed Winchell's Donut

POWER AND GAS BILLS CAN BE PAID AT SACDCU

"Moving right along" tro increase services to its members and community residents, Sarah Allen Community **Development Credit** Union became an official agent of the customer services programs for Nevada Power and Southwest Gas Companies in Las Vegas.

Effective August 1, payments for current power and gas bills may be made at the SACDCU office, Monday through Friday from 10:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Parties desiring to make use of this convenient payment office must present only current bills. Payments may be made in cash or by check payable to Nevada Power Co. or to

Shop, 401 N. Eastern Ave. the evening of May 19. The clerk on duty told police officers responding to the alarm he thought he knew what direction the robber had fled. One officer set out after Robles on foot and found him hiding in a flower bed, according to the record. And when the officers confronted him, Robles said, "I needed the money to get back to Houston," according to the record.

Southwest Gas Co.

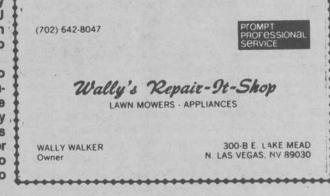
By creating this new service for its members and the community, Bord President Gene Collins said, "Sarah Community Allen **Development Credit** Union will continue its efforts to go beyond basic financial services to seve members in more and better ways,

**Jimmy Gay** In Hospital

James A. (Jimmy) Gay, long-time Las Vegas Mortician at Palm Mortuary and a former resort and casino executive, is hopitalized at the Nevada Southern Memorial Hospital after suffering a stroke leaving him partially paralyzed on the left side. He has been in the hospital for more than two weeks.

He told the Las Vegas Sentinel-Voice he has been receiving "flowers while he is living" from friends and wellwishers from all over the country including Nevada Governor Richard Bryan.

He also expressed his elation over the success of the recent annual picnic held at the James A. Gay Park for the City-Wide Usher Board.





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