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LEADER

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one that tends to the needs of the community.

Q. Dr. Hamilton, what are some of the goals and objectives of the organization at the present time?

A. Well, first let me say this. Any organization that can help the community is one that is needed by that community. If the community is the only substantial reason for that organization's existence, then that organization shouldn't be around. Now, in answer to your question, we have a lot of goals and objectives that we plan to attain during the next few months. The first being, we want to try and get the branch on keel with some of the national priorities. We're looking at the 'dissent decree' real close. Jobs are a priority. We're presently organizing and getting down on paper some vital needs regarding the two latters. We're going to focus in on and stress voter registration. There's going to be both a national and local thrust. We will register people to vote! We're going to get ACTSO (Academic Cultural Technological and Scientific Olympics) operating. We can send our local students to the national branch to compete. We'll have local competition also, You can't change overnight. It will take time to have a sound, concrete program working and working effectively. Continuity by the leadership of the NAACP in the all-essential programs is necessary. WE also intend to have our Freedom Fund Banquet in February and our Black History Month Program that same month. We can't bite off too much, but we must band to work together and really organize.

Q. How is the local chapter's credibility going to be re-established considering the past problems incurred by it?

A. You need to listen to representatives of the present branch and that'll determine whether it can be taken seriously. Any organiza-

tion that wants to be taken seriously must show through its programs and dealings that it intends to present itself in a credible manner. We must take care of membership cards for our members. They want them! The Executive Committee is the ruling body. We don't always agree, but the same applies to the State Legislature, the City Council or the County Commission.

Q. Dr. Hamilton, what can the community do as a whole to help re-establish the NAACP's viability?

A. First, by coming to membership meetings. They must also register to vote and really become involved in the political process. Also, show up at important community meetings. We need both the donation of time and money. Don't wait for me to call you. Call me! Be at the next meeting on Dec. 11. Be patient and work with the branch.

Q. Do you feel that the "torch is being passed" to the younger generation of leaders in the Black community?

A. It's encouraging to see all the young men and women out and involved in the community. They are really beginning to take stands, positions and are playing important leadership roles and are making decisions. We need to have leaders train other leaders. We need to have more prodigees. They need to show the ropes and give 'pointers' to the upcoming leaders, but once shown the way, let them go. Let them do their thing.

Q. What can we expect from Dr. Bernard Hamilton in the future, in the leadership realm? Is there a politician in the making?

A. Well, I have no interest in political office. I'm an educator. I'm interested in kids. I might be interested in running for a Judge's position, but that's way down the road, after my retirement.

Q. Dr. Hamilton, last question. When it's all said and done, what hopefully will be said about Bernard Hamilton and what he was all

about?

A. Well, I wouldn't mind hearing them say that he really tried to be last and a follower of Christ. To be known as a person who tried to be a 'follower' to help others progress, that is, a 'follower' of Christ. I'm a long way from being as close to Christ as I want to be, but it's a step-by-step process.

CCCC Holds Registration For January

Registration is now in progress at Clark County Community College (CCCC) for the three-week January Session, which will be held Jan. 6-27. Classes will be held at the CCCC Cheyenne Campus, Cheyenne, Ave., North Las Vegas.

The Spring 1984 Semester registration is also in progress and will continue through Jan. 26 at the Cheyenne Campus from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Mondays thru Thursdays and 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Fridays. Telephone and mail registration will continue thru Jan. 6. For an appointment to register or for additional information about CCCC, call 643-6060.

AWARD

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TV acting awards went to Maria Gibbs and Sherman Hemsley of *The Jeffersons*, Madge Sinclair of *Trapper John, M.D.* and Howard Rollins, Jr. for *For Us the Living: The Medgar Evers Story*. Best variety special: *Motown 25: Yesterday, Tomorrow, Forever*. In music, Aretha Franklin was best female artist, Lionel Richie best male artist, Al Jarreau best jazz artist and Ray Charles best blues artist.

Television producer Aaron Spelling got an award for his \$100,000 gift to Derrick Gordon, an L.A. youth who needed a heart transplant. The Entertainer of the Decade Award was shared by singer Michael Jackson, who didn't attend, and producer Quincy Jones.