

# SENTINEL-VOICE PICKS NAACP CONTINUOUS SHAKEUPS BIGGEST '83 HEADLINE STORIES

The final toll for 1983 ended at midnight December 31 and as always it gives us all time to reflect on the year's passing events. Agai, the SENTINEL-VOICE staff, who reported on the events of the year, have compiled this report of top stories.

1982's report showing the local chapter of the NAACP in a dilemma relating to the presidency shakeup involving Lovell Gaines was considered the top story of the year. History had repeated itself and again the NAACP stood steadfast grabbing the top headlined reports for 1983 with the troubled rein of the new president, Rev. James E. Allen.

Rev. Allen, during the month of June detailed to the press his accounts on the turmoil and unrest within the organization. He placed the blame for the failures squarely on the shoulders of some members of the board and others, including some staff members. He was very vocal and explicit on why the chapter would continue to have problems. Allen's charges were attacked by many board members and others who worked for the organization. The principle charge against Allen was an allegation that he had misappropriated and misused the organization's funds. In particular was a charge of excessive use of telephones running up a bill around \$600.00. Allen denied the charges.

During the month of September, Allen was suspended for 90 days by the NAACP national office and later Dr. Bernard Hamilton, the chapter's 1st Vice President officially took over the reins following Allen's removal by the National Office. Allen moved to Roswell, N.M. During November he declared he would return to Las Vegas to pursue his complaint that \$500,000 of the millions used to build the chapter's senior citizens housing project had been misused. Rev. Allen reneged on his planned return to Las Vegas. He stated, "I can't get any support."

The story edged out the reports on Attorney Robert Archie's sentencing to four years in prison for his conviction July 9 of statutory sexual seduction of two teenage girls in 1980 and 1982.

#### THE TOP 10:

1. The continuing shakeup within the local chapter of the NAACP.
2. Attorney Robert Archie's conviction of statutory rape involving two teenage girls.
3. County Commission Woodrow Wilson's inno-

## Blacks, Police Brace For Miami Trial

MIAMI — As a policeman headed for trial this week in a year-old slaying that set off three days of racial riots, one community leader said attitudes about police are unchanged in the neighborhood where the killing occurred.

But a police commander said he thought relations between blacks and the police had improved since Luis Alvarez shot 20-year-old Nevell Johnson, Jr. on Dec. 28, 1982, at a video arcade in Overtown, the heart of black Miami.

Alvarez, 33, a Hispanic white, said he believed Johnson was about to pull a gun on him. He goes on trial Tuesday charged with man-

slaughter.

Whether or not relations between blacks and the police have improved, neither community leaders nor police will rule out the possibility of more violence if Alvarez is acquitted.

"We still have the same attitude in the police that we had a year ago," said Ray Fauntroy, president of the local office of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference.

He cited "hatred of blacks by whites — and the attitude in the police department that they can get away with it."

Officers who patrol the streets in Overtown and a wider area to the west of downtown, Liberty

cent plea to "Yobo Sting" charges.

4. Metro drug bust in the Westside community — 24 suspects nabbed — 18 businesses hit.

5. Boxing referee Richard Green found dead from bullet wound in the chest. It was ruled a suicide. About \$300 was found on the body.

6. Tony McCormick fired from State position as Deputy Labor Commissioner in dispute over two misused State checks.

7. Bob Nolen nips Las Vegas City Commissioner Dr. William Pearson during the June elections — Pearson was the first black in 78-year history of Las Vegas.

8. State Assemblyman Gene Collins indicted for tax evasion. Tax case was dismissed in court during December under the Speedy Trial Act which requires that defendants be brought to trial within 70 days from date of arraignment with certain allowed extensions.

9. Rev. Albert Dunn ordered to serve remaining sentence in counterfeiting involvement charge.

10. Former NAACP President Lovell Gaines was suspended from duty as Corrections Officer; later placed on administrative leave with correction officers Clyde Johnson and Donna Smith for charges alleging implication of the trio in the murder of corrections Sgt. Vincent Tatum. Gaines was later cleared of the charges.

The runners up were stories on the Moulin Rouge fire on 1983 New Years Day; Assemblyman Lonie Chaney's home address said to be listed by some as a voting registration location; David L. Washington was promoted to the position of Fire Administration

City, say the problems are not of their making.

"The police gets blamed for society's ills," said Sgt. David Cokl, leader of a 10-officer Metro-Dade squad. "They look up at us, and say, 'That's authority.' So they strike out at us."

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