

Dr. King Birthday Observance To Be Held

The Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Committee of Las Vegas is sponsoring the Third Annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Birthday Celebration on Saturday and Sunday, Jan. 14 and 15.

The celebration starts Saturday with the Third Annual Dr. King Birthday Parade, which will begin at Las Vegas High School, 7th and Bridger

highlighting key aspects of Dr. King's life. Guest speaker for the occasion will be Roosevelt Fitzgerald, Professor of Ethnic Studies, University of Nevada, Las Vegas, with musical selections provided by the Gospel Tornados.

Proclamations from State and Local Government Officials will also be presented. Refresh-

KVVU - TV 5 will show a taped telecast of the special on Martin Luther King's life, taped earlier at the Kennedy Center in Washington, D.C., at 1:00 a.m., on Sunday, January 15.

Streets, promptly at 11 a.m. It will proceed north on 7th St. to Fremont, west on Fremont to 1st St., then south on 1st St. to Bridger, where it will terminate.

Awards will be given for various categories. Parade entries will be accepted until Jan. 13. Entry fee is ten dollars (\$10.00). This year's Grand Marshal is Dr. Paul Meacham, president of Clark County Community College.

On Sunday, Jan. 15 at 3 p.m., at the Reed Whipple Center, 821 Las Vegas Blvd. North, a special tribute to Dr. King will take place, featuring "The Dream," a three-act stage play,

ments will be served. Mistress of Ceremonies for the event will be Rikki Cheese of KVBC, TV3.

For information concerning these events, contact Wendell P. Williams at 646-1018.

NLV Woman Arrested In Stabbing

A 41-year-old Las Vegas woman was arrested Sunday afternoon for stabbing a North Las Vegas woman with a steak knife, Metropolitan Police reported.

Beatrice Lawrence was sitting and talking with friends in the 500

Goodman Returns To Home State

MANCHESTER, N.H. — Navy Lt. Robert O. Goodman, Jr., captured by Syria and freed after a private diplomatic mission by presidential candidate Jesse Jackson, walked down a red carpet in his native state Sunday and said it was "really great to be home."

A full-fledged homecoming celebration in Goodman's hometown of Portsmouth was set for Monday.

"We're real glad to have you back in New Hampshire safe and sound," Gov. John Sununu said as Goodman left a small private plane donated for his return and walked down red carpet Sunday night.

"The publicity at times is overwhelming," Goodman said as he was swarmed by a crowd of reporters and cameramen.

Rev. Russell Sentencing Delayed

The sentencing of the Rev. Lenard Russell, associate pastor of the Greater New Jerusalem Baptist Church, on sex charges involving his stepdaughter was postponed Monday in District Court until Jan. 18.

Judge Thomas Foley postponed the trial until the trial judge, Thomas O'Donnell, returns to the bench.

Russell, 43, faces a maximum sentence of life in prison, with a mandatory five-year term.

A jury found Russell guilty last Dec. 9, of one count of sexual assault of his 21-year-old stepdaughter. The offense took place July 13, 1982.

The young woman testified Russell had been raping her at least once a week since she was nine years old.

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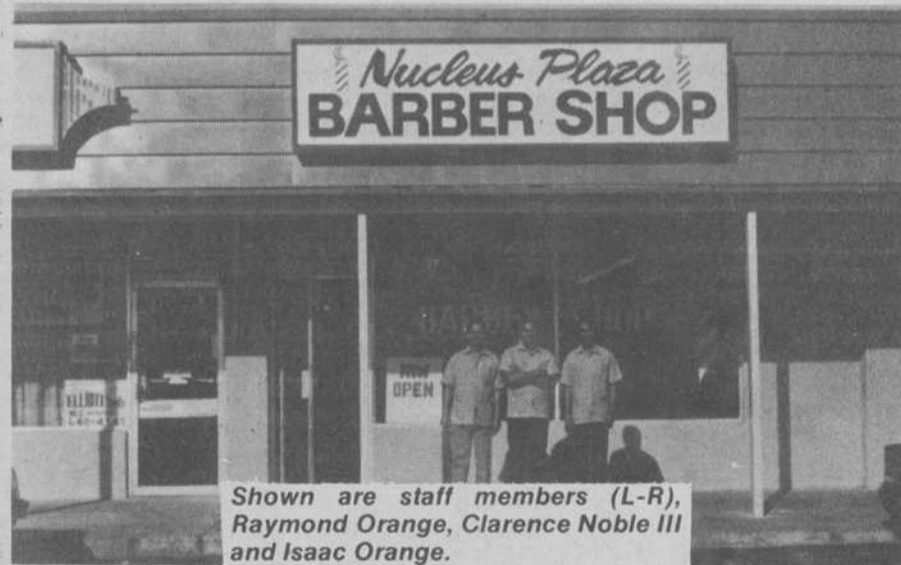
Moments after Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. was assassinated on April 4, 1968, Ed Brown (Las Vegas Sentinel-Voice President), then Manager of Radio Station WNJR in Newark, N.J., developed an idea for the nation to observe the greatness of this man through a holiday on his birthday. At the time, Newark had just simmered from its riot and was about to explode into another one because of King's assassination. Brown took to the airwaves along with his staff and pleaded for calm and suggested that such energies could best be expended through an effort to recognize King's greatness through a national holiday. Support was suggested through cards and letters from everyone who thought well of the idea.

WNJR, three times daily, from April 4, 1968 to December 31, 1972 made announcements seeking cards and letters to be delivered to Congress in Washington. During this period about a million letters and cards were received at the station from across the nation. Ed Brown personally delivered them to Congressman John Conyers and Senator Edward W. Brooke, plus, to the New Jersey Legislature — bags and bags of letters. Brown is the recipient of many awards and plaques for this effort through the years, many of which are in the SENTINEL-VOICE office.

Information about Brown's involvement in this effort can be seen in the National Black Monitor insert in this week's issue of the SENTINEL-VOICE.

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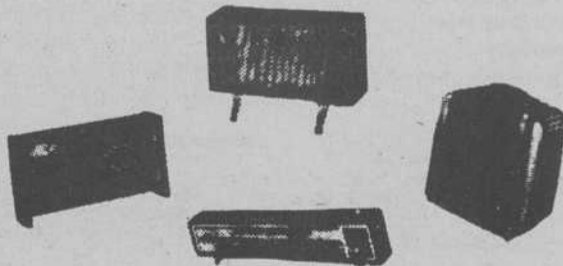
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