

Gov. Bryan Blasted By Ministers Alliance For King Holiday Stance

During a Monday press conference, the Ministers Alliance led by Assemblyman Gene Collins, blasted Gov. Richard Bryan for not setting aside a state holiday to honor Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Bryan, in his State of the State address at the start of 1983, made the proposal to the state lawmakers. Collins also said Bryan had promised Las Vegas black leaders that if the measure failed in the Legislature he would use an optional holiday to honor King.

"Despite the promise made to the Ministers Alliance to provide one of the two days that he (Bryan) has as a holiday, he reneged on that and is throwing it back to the Legislature for it to get lost," Collins said in a prepared statement at the press conference.

Under state law, the governor has two optional holidays a year he can declare in addition to the nine customary state holidays.

The last Legislature declared Jan. 15 a "day of memorial" for King after opponents said a holiday to honor the slain civil rights leader would cost too much.

However, a Bryan spokesman said the governor never intended such an end run around lawmakers. What Bryan had offered was to give up one of his discretionary holidays to gain legislative approval for a regular holiday, said spokesman Karen Galatz.

"The legislative intent was not there," she said. "The governor continues to feel the King birthday should be a holiday. Unfortunately, the Legislature did not agree."

Galatz said the governor may seek approval from the 1985 Legislature to make Jan. 15 a state holiday.

A small tree was planted in front of the state capitol in Carson City Monday to honor slain civil rights leader Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Gov. Richard Bryan, black leaders from Reno and Assemblyman Courtney Swain D-Reno,

were present as the Mount Vernon Oak was planted on the lawn.

The governor said King's widow Coretta King asked each governor and each land grant college to plant a tree to observe what would have been the 55th birthday of King on Sunday. Bryan wants Nevada to declare the birthday a state holiday.

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listment, graduated from Tennessee State University, Nashville, Tenn., with a degree in economics.

She then entered graduate school at the University of Nebraska, Omaha, Neb., earning a graduate degree, also in

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Thomas returned to civil service in 1973 and became the Federal Women's Program Manager for Air Force Wright Aeronautical Laboratories at Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio.

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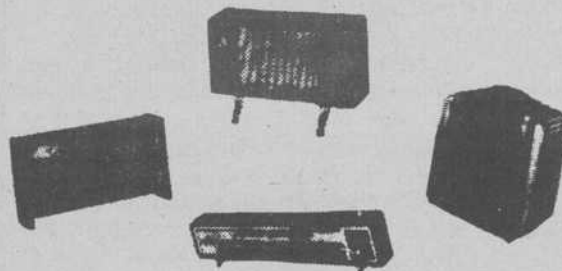
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Woman's Clothed Body Found Along Interstate 15

A black woman whose fully clothed body was found Saturday near Interstate 15 has been identified as 34-year-old Derotha Reynolds, Metropolitan Police reported Monday. The victim was a known prostitute in Las Vegas, said Homicide Lt. John Conner. Because an au-

topsy proved inconclusive, determination of cause of death is pending toxicology reports, Conner said. There was no sign of trauma, he added. A truck driver found Reynolds' body about 8:30 a.m. lying face up off the south-bound lane of the highway.

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