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Union members fanned across the island, even to remote rural villages to urge Grenadians to participate.

With both Eric Gairy's Grenada United Labor Party and the Marxist Maurice Bishop Patriotic Movement failing to gain sufficient support to form a real opposition, the CTUCA can continue to play a role in promoting public discussion and understanding of issues. The free trade union movement, which is the institution most sensitive to the economic and social needs of society, will lobby the newly-formed government on a wide range of governmental policies and legislation initiatives dealing with economic, political, and social issues of major concern to workers.

Grenadian trade union leaders told us that although the United

States played a crucial role in creating the atmosphere which made the return of democracy possible, the American government still has major responsibilities to this Caribbean island. According to them, the United States must assist the country's economic development with an eye toward full employment, continue support for Grenada's security and remain a constant and reliable ally.

The present transition to democratic rule in Grenada provides the United States with a unique opportunity. The country does not suffer from the entrenched social problems plaguing other Caribbean nations. A modest amount of economic assistance and private investment can literally transform the socioeconomic conditions of this small country of 110,000 and ensure the survival and strengthening of the new democratic system.

AARP To Install New Officers

Chapter #308 of the American Association of Retired Persons, Inc. will install their new slate of officers for 1985 on Sunday, Jan. 6 at 1:00 p.m. The installation will be held at the Derfeld Senior Center in Lorenzi Park, with Rev. M. Pékru serving as the installing officer.

The newly elected officers are: Jessie Metcalf, President; Kathryn Howell, 1st Vice President; Hazel Geran, 2nd Vice President; Welbourne Talley, Treasurer; and Sallie Johnson, Secretary.

The elected Board of Directors members are: Don Murray, Harold Murphy, Robert Masley, Catherine Talley, Catherine Perrotti, Katherine

This would have positive effects around the Caribbean and demonstrate that the United States is not only committed to containing communism, but also is fully devoted to sustaining democracies in need.

Johnson and Edna Ryan.

George Hawes, Immediate Past president, is Honorary Member.

Committee Chairmen of the organization are: James Thomas, Membership Chairman; Regina Thomas, Assistant Membership Chairman; Edna Ryan, Sunshine Chairman; Kathryn Howell, Jessie Metcalf and Don Murray, Legislative Committee Members; Welbourne Talley, Pot of Gold Chairman; Racie McCown, Katherine Johnson and Betty Ekerson, Telephone Committee Members.

For further information call 386-1720.

Black Firefighters To Conduct Workshops

The Professional Black Firefighters of Las Vegas will conduct a series of workshops in an effort to prepare individuals who are interested in a career in the Fire Service. The workshops will prepare individuals to take the upcoming Civil Service Examination for Firefighter Trainee.

The classes will begin on Jan. 7, 1985 at 6:00 P.M. and run thru Jan. 25 at Zion Methodist Church, 2108 North Revere. Subjects to be taught are math, reading comprehension, mechanical aptitude and vocabulary.

The Professional Black Firefighters of Las Vegas present the prior-mentioned classes with special assistance from several black educators and professional Black Firefighters of Clark County.

Interested persons are urged to attend.

For more information contact Dexter McCastle at 459-5480.

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Composite ranking of schools by state

This composite ranking of public schools is based on an Education Department report which ranked states in several categories. States scored points based on how each performed in six "quality index" categories. Points also were compiled in four "hardship index" categories, with scoring based on the significance of each category. This chart isn't necessarily a ranking of the best school programs, since there is no uniform evaluation system nationwide. The scoring method was devised by Gannett News Service. (School board concerns, 1D)

	Score		Score
1. Wyo.	93.4	27. N.M.	29.3
2. Alaska	88.3	28. Wash.	26.7
3. Mont.	71.1	29. N.Y.	26.6
4. Vt.	67.4	30. Ohio	26.2
5. R.I.	66.6	31. Ill.	25.1
6. Ore.	61.7	32. Va.	21.8
7. N.J.	60.4	33. Idaho	21.6
8. Del.	60.0	34. Maine	20.8
9. D.C.	59.5	35. Fla.	19.7
10. Wis.	57.0	36. Miss.	19.5
11. Neb.	57.0	37. Iowa	19.0
12. Conn.	54.7	38. Okla.	18.7
13. Mich.	53.1	39. Ariz.	18.6
14. Minn.	52.8	40. La.	18.0
15. Hawaii	50.7	41. Nev.	17.9
16. S.D.	50.6	42. S.C.	17.0
17. Md.	46.8	43. Mo.	16.9
18. Pa.	45.9	44. N.C.	16.3
19. Mass.	42.9	45. Ala.	16.0
20. Colo.	38.9	46. Ark.	15.8
21. Kan.	38.0	47. Texas	15.4
22. Calif.	36.3	48. Ky.	14.7
23. N.D.	35.6	49. Tenn.	14.5
24. Utah	34.6	50. Ind.	14.2
25. N.H.	33.4	51. Ga.	13.5
26. W.Va.	32.0		

*Quality index categories: college admission test scores; dropout rates; pupil-teacher ratios; per-pupil expenditures; teachers' salaries and percentage of per capita income spent on education.
**Hardship index categories: per capita income; poor students; handicapped students and minority students. The hardship index credits states for special problems faced in providing quality education, such as funding desegregation plans.

GOVERNOR ANNOUNCES SPECIAL HANDICAPPED/ SENIOR TRANSPORTATION FUNDS

CARSON CITY — Governor Richard Bryan Monday announced Nevada will receive \$171,674 for the transportation of the handicapped and elderly.

Requests for these funds are being sought from private, non-profit organizations that wish to provide this service where none now exists or is inadequate to meet the needs.

Grants can be used to buy special cars, vans and buses. Up to 80 percent of the cost can be met by federal Urban Mass Transportation Administration funding with the state providing up to one-half the remaining 20 percent local match.

Applications for the grant money must be received by the Nevada Department of Transportation at 1263 So. Stewart Street, Carson City, NV 89712 no later than February 15, 1985.

Governor Bryan, speaking as chairman of

the State Transportation Board, said special priority is being made to distribute these funds. "Without this assistance, many of the state's older and handicapped citizens would have no transportation available to them," Governor Bryan said on behalf of the board, which is also comprised of Attorney General Brian McKay and Controller Darrel Daines.

Under provisions of the UMTA program, Nevada has been able to provide this assistance since 1975. In the past four years, \$151,000 has been received annually.

In the past nine years, the following organizations in Clark County have participated in the program: Economic Opportunity Board of Clark County, Las Vegas; Help Them Walk Again, Las Vegas; Boulder Seniors, Inc., Boulder City; and Western Counseling Associates, Inc., Las Vegas.

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NOTICE OF VACANCY ON THE BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES

Clark County School District

The Board of School Trustees of the Clark County School District is accepting applications to fill a vacancy in the District C School Board Trustee seat. Interested registered voters who reside in School Board District C may apply. District C includes portions of downtown Las Vegas, West Las Vegas and North Las Vegas.

Candidates must submit a written letter of application containing at least their name, address and phone number. Interviews will be conducted with each candidate by a majority of the School Board at a mutually convenient time. Written applications must be received in the Superintendent's Office, 2832 East Flamingo Road, Las Vegas, NV, 89121, by Feb. 15, 1985 at 5 pm.

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