

BLACK JUDGES, LAWYERS CONFER IN LAS VEGAS

— One hundred and eighty members of the National Bar Association Board of Governors, Region 9 (Western States), and the National Judicial Council, met in Las Vegas recently to discuss topics of individual and mutual interest.

Meeting Coordinator, Honorable Marion W. Garnett, of the Circuit Court of Cook County (Chicago, IL), said the principal objectives of the Mid-Winter conclave were: "To improve the efficacy of black judges through seminars, meeting, and discussions; to improve the communication process—in the community—in order to influence the appointment of minority judges, where such appointments are non-political; and to work more closely with the NBA to strengthen that organization."

Honorable Jack E. Tanner, Chairman of the National Judicial Council, and Arthenia L. Joyner, President of the National Bar Association, said the 3-day conclave was most successful.

Tanner listed among the highlights: remarks by banquet speaker Eleanor Holmes-Norton, Chairperson of EEOC under Pres. Jimmy Carter, and the festive reception hosted by the Las Vegas Convention and Visitors Authority (LVCVA).

The one and a half hour gala, held at the "Top of the Dunes," attracted several local dignitaries, including jazz great, Joe Williams. Williams dazzled conventioners when he consented to join the Rudy Aikels trio on stage to perform some of his popular jazz hits. The appreciative audience responded with three standing ovations.

The LVCVA sponsored the reception in hopes of attracting the 2,000 member NBA convention to the entertainment capital in 1991, according to sales manager, Roosevelt Toston. The Authority also wanted to influence the selection of Las Vegas for the Black Congress. It consists of the NBA, National Black Nurses

Association, National Optometric Association, and other organizations in the health care field. The Black Congress could draw 20,000 attendees to Las Vegas, said Toston.

Art Williams, Presi-

dent of the Las Vegas Chapter of the the NBA, said the Local Links Organization, who provided registration assistance, was an asset to the overall success of the convention.

Judge Garnett credits

the, usually, mild Southern Nevada temperatures, and the "tremendous" respect his fellow judges have for Chief District Court Judge, Addelmar Guy, as reasons the National Judicial Council selected Las Vegas — for the second time in five years — to host the mid-winter meeting.



LAS VEGAS WELCOME NBA/NAT'L. JUDICIAL COUNCIL — Roosevelt Toston (left), Chief District Court Judge, Addelmar D. Guy (far right), and Yvonne Atkinson (2nd from right), welcome Robert L. Harris (center), NBA Board of Directors, to Las Vegas during a reception hosted by the Las Vegas Convention and Visitors Authority.



Left to Right: James O. Porter, Las Vegas Atty., Honorable Avis M. Russell, Joe Williams, and Arthenia L. Joyner, president of National Bar Association, as they enjoyed the reception held at the "Top of the Dunes."



ENJOYING THEIR LAS VEGAS CONFERENCE—From left to right, Fred Gray, president-elect of the National Bar Association, Arthenia Joyner, president, NBA, and Honorable Jack Tanner, chairman of the National Judicial Council, seem in complete agreement that no one does it better than Las Vegas when it comes to hosting a convention (Jan. 31-Feb. 3).

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SPAF Outlines Proposals For Legislature

The Senior Political Action Federation, Inc. (SPAF) members have developed and presented to state legislators the following Legislative Action proposals which they consider important for the Health and Welfare of Senior Citizens of Nevada.

(1) Medical Definitive Action: A. Health Costs should be contained. B. Sales and related taxes should be removed from auditory, ocular, orthopedic or other prosthetics or appliances for human use as well as articles of the nature of crutches, canes, braces, and similar devices.

(2) Taxes: A. There should be no tax increase of any nature during the 1985-86 Legislative Session. B. Property assessment and evaluation should be frozen at June 1, 1984 level through the period Jan. 1, 1986. C. AB 309 and AB 310—property tax adjustment for Nevada residents—should be reinstated to be effective July 1, 1985 (change tax rate by 25% less for primary individual residence as compared to commercial property).

(3) Utilities: A. All Public Service Commissioners should serve at the pleasure of the Governor. B. City and County Commissioners should be prohibited from participating in rate setting for all utilities such as water, sanitation, sewage, garbage, cable T.V., etc. C. Request for rate increases for public utilities should be filed only once a year. All utilities must file for rate increases during a forty-five day filing period (should be the same time frame for all utilities). All requests for

rate increases should be heard by the PSC at the same time frame. All rate increases granted by the PSC should become effective on the same date. D. AB 587 should be reinstated allowing utilities to establish special utility rates for the elderly.

(4) Crime: A. AB 323—crime against the elderly—should be reinstated with the following provisions: Prohibit plea bargaining; anyone connected with a felony against senior citizens should have no parole or pardon; all juveniles should be tried as adults for crimes against the elderly. B. Change state law to require all persons convicted of a crime to serve at least one-half (1/2) of the imposed sentence before they can be considered for parole.

SPAF represents the 60,000 Senior Citizens of Clark County.

Nevada Power Program For Senior Citizens

Nevada Power Company has reserved a number of radio-control units in its air conditioning load management program for senior citizens, low-income and handicapped customers living in single family homes. Apartments are not eligible for this year's program.

This load management program allows the company to cycle an air conditioning unit(s) off and on for 10.5 minutes every half hour during the summer months.

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