Collins determination pays off

Assembly passes King holiday Bill

Martin Luther King's bir-never got out of committee. thday was declared a state holiday Wednesday by the Assembly, 39-3, with Las Vegas Assemblymen Patricia Little, Gary Roberts, and Chuck Horne voting against the bill.

Assemblyman Gene Collins, D-Las Vegas, the sponsor of the bill, said that it was "time for Nevada to recognize" King with a holiday. He introduced a similar bill last session which

Assembly Speaker Bill Bilyeu, R-Elko, also spoke in favor of AB99, saying King was a spiritual leader of the Civil Rights' Movement.

"King argued notably and well for the principles on which our country was founded", Bilyeu said, adding that declaring King's birthday as a holiday is a statement of great importance to minorities.

Assemblyman Morse Arberry, D-North Las Vegas, one of two black men in the Assembly, said Martin

Luther King is a symbol for all good things worth striving for, and said King's spirit lives on in both black and white people.

"Martin Luther King was more than just a great man, he was a great American", Arberry said.

Assault On Illiteracy Program (AOIP) to Organize LV Chapter

Las Vegas will be "on stage" Thursday night, May 2, at the Heritage Hall, Nucleus Plaza, 932 W. Owens, when representatives from the National Assault on Illiteracy Program will be on hand to help organize a local chapter of AOIP.

The meeting will be conducted by Dr. Calvin W. Rolark, Chairman of the Black Media Inc., Cooperative, who works closely with the over-all project; Winnie Palmer, a Las Vegas resident and nationl chairperson of the Advancer subcommittee-a regional project of the National Sorority of Phi Delta Kappa; Carrie Haynes, Inter-organizational Laison for AOIP; and, Co-Publishers for the Las Vegas Sentine-Voice Ed and Betty Brown.

Invitations have been forwarded to a number of local representatives of organizations, institutions, businesses, professionals, and other individuals to attend this initial meeting.

Nextweek's issue of this newspaper will carry an extensive coverage of the entire AOIP program. The enclosed copy of the National Black Monitor is an exam-

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ple of the many projects included in the AOIP program, along with THE ADVANCER-portions of which are included in this Vegas week's Las Sentinel-Voice.

On this page is a copy of a news release submitted by the U.S. Dept. of Education, which gives an overview of the AOIP Program, and the attention given to it by that agency.



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Reward increased to \$4,500 for clues in stabbing

The cash reward for information leading to the arrest and indictment of the person or persons who killed 3-year-old Arthur James Williams, Jr., April 15, increased to \$4,500 Friday.

Metro Hommicide Sgt. Ted Rosen confirmed that the reward to be distributed by Secret Witness increased after the Tropicana Hotel donated \$2,000 and a private citizen, who asked to remain anonymous, contributed \$500.

Rosen said the father of the slain child, who was stabbed in the brain while playing in front of his mother's apartment, worked at the Tropicana.

Secret Witness Director

For further details on AOIP and the forth-coming meeting on May 2, contact Winnie Palmer....phone 454-0482.

Nage Palmer said calls had been coming into his office "rapidly and numerous" from people who claimed to have information, and from others wanting to donate to the reward

money.

Rosen said there were no new leads Friday.

Anyone having information is asked to call Secret Witness at 386-3213.

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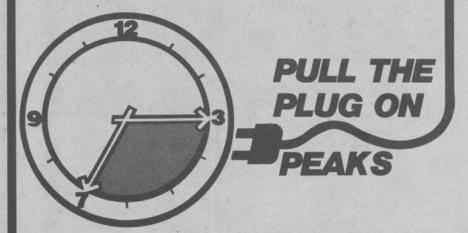
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