

BLACK LAS VEGANS FOR AFRICAN RELIEF: A FINAL REPORT

from Dr. Paul E. Meacham, Committee Chairman

The members of the Black Las Vegans for African Relief Committee would like to thank the many individuals who responded positively to our call for financial assistance to aid those African countries currently experiencing draught and famine conditions.

A special note of appreciation is extended to the following businesses: Mercedes Beauty Supply, Nucleus Plaza, Ray & Ross Transports, Seven Seas Restaurant, Soul Auto Body. Because of their generosity in agreeing to become the corporate sponsors that would underwrite the expenses of organizing and conducting the project, a check for \$3,173.61 -- representing 100 percent of the funds collected during the drive -- was presented to the African Relief Division of

the American Red Cross.

From the outset, a major objective of this committee was to provide a vehicle by which those Las Vegans whose own financial resources were modest could identify with an assistance effort by participating in the act of sacrificial giving in behalf of our brothers and sisters in those affected countries. Obviously this was an opportunity that many Las Vegans were seeking, as several hundred individuals -- of all colors -- responded with contributions ranging from less than a dollar to one single contribution of 500 dollars. Special recognition is extended to the UNLV Upward Bound students who assessed themselves one dollar each toward a group contribution of 100 dollars.

Gratitude is expressed to

the panhellenic, social, and civic organizations that contributed to this effort, and also those eight churches, representing several different denominations, for their affirmative responses to our request for a special Sunday collection, thereby lending an ecumenical flavor to this project that offers some encouraging signs for future cooperative ventures.

One final observation. Though the drive for funds by Black Las Vegans for African Relief has ended, the need for assistance in those affected countries continues.

So if you have not yet contributed but would like to, we encourage you to make contributions directly to the African Relief Division of the American Red Cross, or to some other organization of your own choosing. Your gift -- large or small -- can make a difference.

Nevada Foundation Directory Aids Local Fundraisers

A must for every fundraiser in Nevada is the recently published Nevada Foundation Directory, a guide to private foundations established and operating in Nevada and those national foundations that have funded recent Nevada projects. Compiled by Vlasta Honsa, supervisor of the funding collection at the Flamingo Library and Annette Yousef, reference librarian at Flamingo, the 80 page book is the only publication of its kind that focuses on Nevada. Already almost 200 of the books have been ordered.

"The national directories usually list the larger national foundations, but often they omit the smaller regional ones, so many people are not aware of these additional local funding resources," Honsa says, explaining why the book fills a void for local fundraisers.

The book lists 41 active private foundations, trusts and scholarship funds legally established and operating in Nevada.

NAACP Exec. Dir. Benjamin Hooks to speak at Progressive Baptist Convention on August 8

The Progressive Baptist Convention is currently in session at the Las Vegas Convention Center and scheduled this 24th annual session during Aug. 5 through 9.

One of the highlights of the meeting will be the speech to be delivered Thursday by Dr.

Benjamin Hooks, Executive Director of the National NAACP. At the Las Vegas Sentinel-Voice press time, the time of Dr. Hooks' speech had not been officially set. He was to arrive in Las Vegas Wednesday night at which time the final arrangement was to be made.

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Shown above are some of the individuals who served on the Black Las Vegans for African Relief Fund Drive committee. Pictured are (L-R) Sam Head, Barbara Griffin, Dr. Paul E. Meacham, Charles Stevenson, Margaret Crawford and Jerry Lockhart. Other committee members, not shown, were Ed Brown, Betty Brown, Dr. Bernard Hamilton, Rev. Jesse Scott, Capt. Elizabeth Spencer and Dr. William Sullivan.

FOOTNOTE: During the past few weeks all individuals and organizations, who contributed to this drive, were listed in the Las Vegas Sentinel-Voice. The final report also includes the names of the contributors: Paul E. Veronica, Brenda H. Alexander, Eddie Coleman, Yvonne Atkinson, Ernest Fountain, Marilyn Solis, Judy F. Perry and the Les Femmes Douze.

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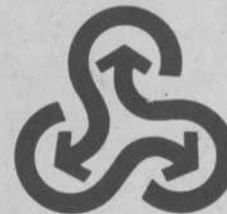
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