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Rev. Jesse D. Scott President Las Vegas, NAACP



#### **NAACP Needs Your Prayers & Participation**

The Las Vegas Branch NAACP Life-membership Recognition and Freedom Fund Banquet is less than thirty days away. However, it is not too late to do your

If you believe in prayer then pray. However when you finish praying then go to work and make your prayers with the aid of the Holy Spirit make them a success.

You can begin by making your own donation, then

encourage others to make theirs. Be positive not negative, "Don't let anybody tell you that you shouldn't donate or participate in a cause as worthy as the NAACP"!

You can purchase your banquet tickets at the following places; the Black Chamber of Nevada, Larry's Sight and Sound, Dee Dee's Original Beauty Salon and the NAACP Branch office, Call 646-1662 or 646-1510.

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### NAACP EXTENDS AN INVITATION TO YOU

Dear NAACP Members, Friends and Supporters you are cordially invited to attend the Las Vegas Branch NAACP

> "Life Membership Recognition and Freedom Fund Banquet '85"

> > on

Saturday, October 19, 1985

Holiday Inn Center Strip - Nevada Ball Room

No-Host Cocktails 6:00 p.m.

Dinner 7:00 p.m.

Donation: \$100.00 per person

Table of Ten People: \$1,000.00 Tax Deductible

Tickets are available at the Branch Office Send all mail to: P.O. Box 4887; Las Vegas, Nevada 89127 R.S.V.P. (702) 646-1662 646-1510

> Speaker: Tony Brown of Tony Brown's Television Journal also Motion Picture, Stage and Singing Star Sammy Davis, Jr. with other guest stars

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## **NAACP Wins Big In Texas**

NEW YORK - Dr. Hooks, Benjamin Executive Director of the NAACP, announced today that a coalition of educational, community and civil rights organizations recently scored a major victory in a lawsuit challenging Texas' use of a standardized test for admission into teacher education programs in the

On August 27, 1985, U.S. District Judge William Wayne Justice ordered Texas colleges and universities to allow qualified students to take professional education courses, even though the students have yet to pass the Pre-Professional Skills Test. On September 5, 1985, the United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit turned down a request for a delay of the order during the State's appeal.

The NAACP, Mexican American Legal Defense and Educational Fund (MALDEF) and the Meta Project of Cambridge, Mass., filed the action on behalf of 14 black and Hispanic college students, Texas public school children, the Texas State Conference of NAACP Branches, the American G.I. Forum and Texas LULAC.

Texas uses the PPST, a math, reading and writing developed test. Educational Testing Service, to screen students for teacher education programs.

Only 23 percent of the black and 34 percent of the Hispanic college students who want to be teachers have passed the test. "When compared to the 73 percent pass rate for white college students, the low pass rate for minority students is strong evidence that Texas intended to discriminate against black and Hispanic students and exclude them from the teaching profession when it adopted the PPST requirement," says Grover Hankins, NAACP General Counsel.

After hearing seven and one half days of testimony, Judge William W. Justice agreed that the civil rights group could prove at trial, that Texas adopted the test standardized requirement for the purpose of discriminating against black and Hispanic students.

Judge Justice found that "the indifference displayed by the defendant to the massive adverse impact of the PPST requirement, and the lack of any coordinated attempt to institute an organized program of remediation targeted at helping students to pass the PPST, seem to have sprung from an attitude that minority students were themselves to blame for their performance.

"Some of the students. allowed to continue with the college courses in education because of the Court Order. have impressive academic records, experience in

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#### Sold Out Black Caucus Focuses On Africa

WASHINGTON, D.C. NNPA) The 20-members of the Congressional Black Caucus reflect their growing influence in the House of Representatives and in joint sessions with the U.S. Senate this week at the 15th Annual Legislative Weekend, September 25-28.

Over 3,000 patrons at \$200 a head and 15,000 participants are expected to attend the five days of activities, including congressional hearings, workshops and meetings on Capitol Hill and luncheons, receptions and dinners at various hotels. Highlights of the week range from a national prayer breakfast at the annual awards dinner for Southern African leaders seeking liberation this year.

Rev. Allen Boseck, a United Methodist minister and Anglican Bishop Desmond Tutu, 1985 Nobel Peace Prize recipient, were designated to receive awards at the intercontinental event, but Caucus officials did not know if the honorees will be allowed to leave South Africa. Relatives of the detained leaders, including imprisoned African National Congress President Nelson Mandela were expected to represent the apartheid

teaching, but missed the cut off score by one or two points," says Al Kaufman, an attorney with MALDEF. "While the Court Order does not invalidate the PPST test. it does allow students to complete course requirements for a teaching certificate while the test is

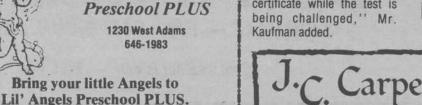
victims of vehement white racism.

The theme for the 1985 conference of major political, business, educational and religious leaders International Dimensions — The Reality of an Interdependent World." The first two days of sessions of predominantly Democratic party participants focuses on forums on minority business, economic status, family issues, foreign policy and international relations.

Prior to the opening of the CBC weekend, the D.C. Republican Council scheduled its first \$100-aplate, annual scholarship dinner designed to attract some 2,000 competing guests. The CBC events have been sold out since last July with each paying guest expected to spend approximately \$2,000 to attend all of the activities.

In addition to the forums on Wednesday at the Washington Hilton, Congressional hearings were set for Thursday on Voting Rights, Military Affairs, Disinvestment in South Africa, Poverty and Hunger and The Melting Pot-Myth or Real. CBC 'Braintrust' Justice, Tax Reform, Foreign Affairs and a mass vigil in front of the South African Embassy was scheduled on Friday, September 26, with a special meeting of the National Black Leadership Roundtable set for Saturday, September 27. Over 85 panel discussions were planned compared to some 20 social events for participants.

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