### THE NAACP AND YOU!



Rev. Jesse D. Scott President Las' Vegas, NAACP



## The NAACP Freedom Fund Banquet A Great Success

Thanks, Las Vegas, for helping to make the NAACP Life Membership and Freedom Fund Banquet one of the great social events of the year.

Tony Brown lived up to his previous billings and was by far the greatest speaker that Las Vegas has seen or heard in 1985.

Those of you who missed hearing Tony Brown missed the treat of your lifetime.

You can order one of Tony Brown's speeches on tape cassette through the NAACP, P.O. Box 4887, Las Vegas, NV, 89127.

The evening began with a social hour at 6 p.m. with refreshments and listening to the beautiful musical combo of Calvin Shields.

At 7 p.m. there was a

presentation of the Stars and Stripes by Nellis Air Force Base Color Guards.

The National Anthem was led by Margaret Fowler at the piano, followed by prayer from Rev. Willie Davis, pastor of Second Baptist Church.

Greetings were brought by Juanita Simmons, the Banquet Chairman.

After dinner was served, Sylvia Harris the Secretary of the Branch introduced the head tables.

Brown, the master speech maker, said to his rapt audience that Blacks in America aggregate in buying power 200 billion dollars annually.

He suggested that Blacks or Afro-Americans should spend 50 percent or 100 billion dollars with Whites and 100 billion with Blacks.

Additionally, Brown said that all other racial groupings

in America should spend their money with their own kind except Blacks.

Finally, he said we Blacks have our ownselves to blame for accepting the negative connotation of being a Black in America.

He suggested that we adamantly reject being referred to as a minority or as being poor as well.

He further stressed that Blacks should be very careful and not be hood winked or coerced into voting blindly for the Democratic or Republican parties.

He said you should vote for the man or woman rather than a strict party line to represent you. Neither National political party has kept its promise to Blacks in America.

### The Date of the NAACP 1986 Freedom Fund Banquet Has Been Set For October 4, 1986

You can begin now to make a \$10 monthly payment on your one hundred dollar ticket for 1986. All of the monies you send to the NAACP will be held on deposit and accredited to your account.

Plans are being made now for the 1986 Banquet, so please call or come in and help us.

#### Virna Canson, West Coast Regional Director of the NAACP Met In A Special Meeting Last Sunday

Canson made the following report to the Branch:

On Economic
Development, she
introduced the fair share
concept of dealing with large
corporations in Clark County.

On scholarships, she spoke about ACT-SO, the Talent Olympics for our youth.

On the new NAACP Headquarteres in Baltimore, Maryland, Canson said that the West Coast share of the four million dollar renovation costs is \$100,000,000.

On Black Dollar Day, she suggested that we use \$2 bills and Susan B. Anthony coins to make our purchases for a day to demonstrate Black Buying Power in Las Vegas.

Finally, Canson spoke about Las Vegas making a bid for the NAACP National Convention in 1989.

The Executive Committee of the NAACP meets the Tuesday night before the second Sunday at 7 p.m. in the Branch office.

Our monthly Branch meeting is held at 4 p.m. the

second Sunday of each month in the branch office, 940 West Owens Ave.

The public is invited to attend these meetings.

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The Sentinel-Voice newspaper won the Roy Wilkins Distinguished Service Award for this year. Kathlyn E. Wilson received the Martin Luther King Distinguished Service Award in honor of her late husband, Dr. Thomas E. Wilson. These awards were presented to Ed and Betty Brown, copublishers and Mrs. Wilson, respectively, at the Freedom Fund Banquet.



# **Great Pumpkin Festival Time Is Here**

Creative pumpkin carving, costume contest and Halloween games and races will highlight this year's Great Pumpkin Festival. The City of Las Vegas Department of Parks, Recreation and Senior Citizen Activities sponsored event is set for 10 a.m. on Saturday, Oct. 26, at Jaycee Park.

A small fee of \$1 will allow each participant to enter the

pumpkin carving contest (bring your own pumpkin and knife), the costume contest and many games and races. Trophies, ribbons and pumpkins will be awarded as prizes throughout this event.

Put on your costume and join the fun on Saturday, Oct. 26 at the Great Pumpkin Festival.

