



R. Grant Seals
President Reno-Sparks NAACP

The NAACP and Martin Luther King

The heritage of Martin Luther King is as much NAACP as it is the South and Atlanta. Dr. King's maternal grandfather, the Rev. A. D. Williams was a prominent leader of the Atlanta NAACP for years. He led the vote against a piece of city educational legislation which would have excluded a high school for Blacks and incidentally resulted in the demise of a famous Atlanta newspaper, The Atlanta Georgian. As a result, the famous Booker T. Washington High School of Atlanta was born. Dr. Martin Luther King, Sr. assumed the mantle of NAACP leadership in Atlanta in 1931 when Rev. Williams passed and Martin was about two years old. He also succeeded Rev. Williams as the pastor of the famed Ebenezer Baptist Church. King, Sr. himself was chief figure in various NAACP-led protests in Atlanta.

So it was not strange when Dr. King took his first pastorate in Montgomery, Alabama that one of his first acts was to join the local NAACP. In fact, Lerone Bennett, the eminent

historian surmised that Dr. King's position as a newcomer in Montgomery and his recent election as president of the local NAACP were major factors in his being selected as leader of the Montgomery Improvement Association. He was not as yet associated in the public mind with any particular faction in the city.

Bennett goes on to speculate (not without a lot of evidence) that Martin had been slowly wending his way mentally through the thicket of the means of protest of a politically powerless minority. The accepted means of fighting segregation and discrimination before 1954 was protest and activism. According to Bennett protest is an attitude of non-acceptance based on sustained contention via political and legal tactics. Activism is a program of direct action based on revolt on the edges or outside of the system. The the right of portest is accomodation which is defined as acceptance of the system and the proving of self and race by accumulation, good

Tony Brown elected to Business League

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Tony Brown, chairman of the Council for the Economic Development of Black Americans and executive producer and host of "Tony Brown's Journal," was recently elected to the National Business League's board of directors.

The announcement was made at the 85th Annual Convention of the National Business League in Atlanta, Ga.

The National Business League is the oldest business organization in the country. It was founded in 1900 by Booker T. Washington and is a multi-trade association that promotes the commercial and financial development for blacks and other minorities.

works and good behavior. Going along in this same direction are efforts to effect gradual changes in the system by education, research, voter registration, exposure, and persuasion. Further to the right is Black nationalism or separation from the system. The coming of the NAACP opened up new vistas under the banner of protest: lobbying and litigation. In Crozier Theological Seminary Dr. King first became deeply interested in the Ghandian philosophy of non-violence a new form of protest which combined non-violent demonstrations and direct negotiation. He slowly became convinced that the Ghandian model was appropriate for the U.S. South and the famous year-long Montgomery Improvement Association Bus Boycott wholly bears the Ghandian-King stamp. The rest is history.

BASEBALL

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"Unless baseball regains its credibility with the fans, it's going to be in serious jeopardy," he said. "Some fans may stop coming to baseball games if this continues. It's all negative publicity."

Newcombe, who recovered from alcoholism in 1974, disagrees with claims made by players that drug testing invades privacy.

"You're a pro athlete. You're in the public eye," he said. "You're not private. You're supposed to have some privacy, but for the most part, you're a public figure. You're not entitled to any privacy as far as your baseball playing is concerned. This drug use impacts on your baseball playing."

Newcombe blames Marvin Miller, former director of the players' association, and Don Fehr, the union's acting director, for the impasse on drug testing.

"There is a control factor in the players' association. That control factor stems from Marvin Miller and Don Fehr," Newcombe said. "They've got to control baseball. If they lose one little bit of control, they are in fear of losing all of their control and the union being busted, which is not going to happen."

Fehr has said he will attend Ueberroth's meetings with the players.

"They're instructing players not to allow any drug testing because it's an invasion of privacy," Newcombe said. "It's a power play. They say, 'We've got to control baseball. We're the players. We have got to stick to our guns.'"

Okie Round-Up in Muskogee

The wires are buzzing with excitement as the California Okies plan the next big Round-Up to be held in Muskogee, Oklahoma August 28, 29, 30, 31 and September 1, 1986. This event is for all former Sooners from the Muskogee area (including Tulsa).

The Prime Mover, Flenoid Vernon says, "We are trying to locate former citizens of Muskogee who live anywhere in the U.S.A. or the world. Let them know of our Homecoming or mail us their name and address."

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We will have more news as the plans are made.

But Newcombe thinks players will eventually agree to tests for drugs. He mentioned two Dodgers, Mike Marshall and Bill Russell, who are willing to test.

"They didn't test, but they agree to test if it became necessary," said Newcombe, who doesn't expect every player to comply with requests to test.

"There's going to be some who aren't going to take it," Newcombe said. "Those are the ones we're going to look at very closely. We're going to look closely and wonder why."

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have an extreme energy related emergency."

Payments will be made on such things as minor repairs to furnace, heater, stove pipe, chimney, broken windows or fuel lines. Clients could also qualify for help on utility bills to avoid termination of service.

Governor Bryan said the regular Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program is designed primarily to help low income Nevadans with the purchase of fuel for winter heating. It is not designed to respond to emergency situations.

The Crisis Intervention Program, however, will be operated on the local level by county welfare offices, Salvation Army offices or senior centers with one point of contact in each of Nevada's 17 counties. Each agency has received a federally funded grant through the Nevada Office of Community Services and will be able to provide immediate on-site aid to clients experiencing an energy related emergency.

Qualified applicants for ECIP must have a total household income that falls at or below 150% of the federally established poverty guidelines for that household size and be able to demonstrate that an emergency condition exists. A one person household must be at or below \$7,875 for the year, while a four person household must be at or below \$15,975.

For more information on how to contact the ECIP center nearest you, call the Nevada Office of Community Services in the Reno/Carson City area at 885-4420.

3 Martin Luther King Jr. children arrested at protest

ATLANTA (UPI) -- Three children of slain civil rights leader Martin Luther King, Jr. were arrested at a supermarket where they were protesting the food store's business dealings with South Africa.

The arrests Tuesday come less than two weeks before a federal observance honoring the 1964 Nobel Prize recipient for his civil rights work. The King children, along with King's nephew and niece, were arrested at a Winn Dixie foodstore on Martin Luther King Drive in West Atlanta.

Police charged Yolanda, Bernice and Martin Luther King III shortly before 10 p.m. EDT Tuesday with criminal trespass. Seven others were arrested in the protest when they refused to leave the store.

Also arrested were state senators Arthur Langford and Julian Bond; King's nephew, Vernon King, his niece, Angela King Ferris, and Ralph David Abernathy III, the son of longtime advisor to the civil rights leader.

Officials said all but three of the demonstrators were released on their own recognizance shortly after being arrested.

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