

THE NAACP AND YOU!



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On April 5, 1986 an Information and Education Workshop was held in the Branch office of the NAACP from 1-6 p.m. The Workshop lecturer was Virna Canson, West Coast Regional Director from San Francisco, California.

Virna Canson gave an update on the activities of the NAACP on the West Coast, as well as the nation. The West Coast Region is required to raise \$100,000 toward the purchase of the new NAACP Headquarters in Baltimore, Maryland. The total cost of the building is \$4,000,000.

The Workshop was a combination of work and fellowship. Members of the Branch Executive Committee and friends brought food and drinks. A good time was had by those who participated. She also informed us that her office was in the process of compiling a manual of all the rules and regulations of the association.

NAACP Schedules Job Fair This Spring

The date of May 17, 1986 has been set to hold a Job Fair in Las Vegas. Please watch this column for the place where the Workshop will be held. The purpose of the Job Fair is to bring the people who are looking for employment face to face with those who have employment to offer. This Job Fair is being sponsored by McDonald Corporation and other industries in the State of Nevada. The Job Fair was deliberately set just prior to the end of school so that it could best serve the needs of those who are looking for employment. Our reports indicate that more than 50

percent of our Black youth will be unemployed this summer and more than 25 percent of Black adults. All interested persons who are advised to write and develop their resume which should include such vital data as their name, address, telephone, education, work experience as well as their special skills. For further information call the NAACP, 646-1662.

NAACP March For Human Dignity in South Africa & at Home

The NAACP March will begin June 1, 1986 in Los Angeles, California and will reach Las Vegas, Nevada on the 3rd or 4th of June 1986. From Las Vegas the march will proceed to the following cities: Phoenix, Arizona; Gallup and Albuquerque, New Mexico; Amarillo, Texas; Lawton and Oklahoma City, Oklahoma; Fort Smith and Little Rock, Arkansas; Memphis, Tennessee; Holly Springs and Tupelo, Mississippi; Jasper and Birmingham, Alabama; Atlanta and Athens, Georgia; Greenville and Spartanburg, South Carolina; Charlotte and Fayetteville, North Carolina; Newport News and Petersburg, Virginia; Washington, D.C. and then ending at the NAACP, 77th Annual Convention in Baltimore, Maryland, which will be held from June 29 to July 3, 1986. Dr. Benjamin, NAACP Executive Director, says "that the purpose of the march is for Human Dignity in South Africa and at home. This march is in support of one person, one vote in South Africa. In addition, it is launching the NAACP

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for maternal health care; the Community Food Bank, \$55,000 for general support; Operation Life, \$29,552 for economic development; Nevada Association of Latin Americans \$23,375 for day care assistance; Divine Providence Day Care, \$16,106 for infant care program; Nevada Association for the Handicapped, \$20,340 for a pilot project to employ the severely handicapped; and the Community Citizens Concern Program, \$5,000 for general assistance.

National Voter Registration-Voter Education program.

NAACP Meets the Second Sunday of Each Month

You are invited to attend the NAACP Monthly Branch meeting, which will be held Sunday, April 13, 1986 in the Branch office located at 940 West Owens in the Nucleus Plaza Center. Come and bring a friend with you. After the meeting, we will have some refreshments for all. Additionally, the Complaint Committee meets every Tuesday night at 7 p.m. in the Branch office. It appears as if conditions of discrimination are getting worse instead of better for Black people in Clark County. If you or some member of your family needs help, then I suggest that we do like we used to do — come together, sing and pray then get up and put some feet and brains on our prayers. The late Jimmy Anderson used to say, "we need each other." When you mail your NAACP membership send it to P.O. Box 4887, Las Vegas, NV, 89127.

Mayors To Hear Rev. Jesse Jackson

ATLANTA — Among the many sessions and guests expected at the National Conference of Black Mayors, Inc.'s (NCBM) convention in Atlantic City, Rev. Jesse Jackson is expected to speak at the Fannie Lou Hamer Freedom Award Luncheon today at 12:30 p.m. at Caesars.

Long-known for his civil rights and political activism, Rev. Jackson's 1984 campaign to capture the nomination of the Democratic Party for the Presidency of the United States marked the first full-scale effort by a black American to win the nation's highest office. In fact, it has been reported that his July 17, 1984 speech at the Democratic National Convention in San Francisco was one of the greatest speeches of modern American History.

Presently, Rev. Jackson is serving as President of the National Rainbow Coalition.

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Vegas View Church of God in Christ. Elder Parson is a man called of God to "serve" his fellow man. He is gifted by God with a natural ability to administer to the needs of people. With the help of his wife, Stella Parson and the congregation of Vegas View C.O.G.I.C., he's been able to establish a Day Care Center that provides Day Care Service for working mothers and employment for an additional 5 members of the community. A Bible College has been built in the past year that serves as a Sunday School facility on Sunday morning to educate and train our young people not to be involved in the negative aspects of life.

There is a Christian Counseling Center run by his wife Stella 6 days a week to meet the needs of those that are troubled in the community -- strictly supported by donations.

Often times, no donation is given. There is a thrift store where the community at large can come by and purchase various goods for their personal needs -- shoes, dresses, suits, you name it. If an individual is destitute, he is given the items without charge.

There is a plan to open a print shop and book store. There is also in the plans a school for tutoring our young people who have been left behind by our public school system, so that our young people may adequately compete in college and the job market when they arrive

at those states in their lives. I almost forgot -- there is a feeding program for the hungry and homeless of our city. The church under the pastor's guidance feeds from 50 to 75 people each week.

There are many other pastors in the city, I'm sure, who have the same vision for God's people in this part of God's vineyard.

The money that is given is given back to people in various services to the community. Mr. Reagan has discontinued many of the Welfare programs to the needy. The Church and the Pastor must step in and take up where the Federal and State government have left-off.

Thank you for allowing me to respond.

A concerned member of a Pastor's church,

Jerald J. Mason

EDITORIAL

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assigned directly to this paper. Under the circumstances, they did a noble job, but the churches did not help to make this task a success.

We have constantly, as you can see above, made efforts to make the CHURCH an integral part of the weekly publication. Our efforts have often fallen on deaf ears. Now, with the introduction of our new series last week, we have finally caught the eyes and ears of the religious community.

That article and this series is not intended to attack the religious community. It delves into but another important aspect of community life. While the objective of our very existence is to inform, we are always hopeful that it is not intended by any person or any group for us to keep our "hands off" -- that we are in off-limits territory.

We report on ALL aspects of the community life. We are not alone in this endeavor. All across this country, the 500 Black community newspapers report on their respective communities. We hope to continue to serve our community honorably, objectively and decisively -- with no favoritism granted to anyone.

May we continue to solicit your support.

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