

THE NAACP AND YOU!



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More on NAACP

The Rev. Jesse Scott says it's not uncommon to hear sweeping statements about the plight of minority youth

"I hear a lot of people saying that the youth are in trouble and the youth are bad," the president of the Las Vegas branch of the NAACP said earlier this week. "But it's not true. We have a reservoir of great potential in our youth."

Scott is preparing to draw from that reservoir with the reorganization of the NAACP youth council, which has been inactive for the past three or four years. The newly formed youth committee will stage a rally and NAACP youth membership drive from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. Sunday at the Doolittle Center, North J. Street and West Lake Mead Boulevard. Cost is \$3, which covers refreshments, entertainment and membership in the council.

"Nobody can get involved like young people can," Scott said. "They were the focal point of the demonstrations and movements of the 1960s. We have a nucleus of dedicated youth here now. We want Las Vegas to get caught up in this."

Lee White is coordinator of the youth council and will be an adviser for the group once its activities begin. He said the first goal is to bolster declining youth membership in the NAACP. Once that is accomplished, youth leaders will decide where they want to take the council.

"We will try to do things they feel is important," White said. "We're trying to steer the kids in a positive direction, not just for now, but for future things."

White said young people need to be aware of educational opportunities, whomever he pleases. The complaints alleging racial discrimination come from all the churches; therefore believe that in return all of the churches should support the NAACP by conducting once each year a membership campaign. Pastors please call me at 646-1662.



SAFEWAY RECEIVES PRESIDENTIAL AWARD—President Reagan awarded the nation's highest honor for Private Sector Initiative (PSI) to thirty businesses and associations at a ceremony in the White House Rose Garden. Seventy other organizations received citations for outstanding voluntary services. Safeway Stores Inc., one of the award winners, donated annually more than \$2 million dollars in food and non-food items to local feeding programs and food banks. Additionally, the Seattle Division of Safeway installed 10,000 safety belts on their shopping carts to insure child safety. The award winners were chosen from more than 1,500 organizations registered in the 1986 Presidents Citation Program for Private Sector Initiatives. Left to right: John J. Phelan Jr., Chairman and CEO, New York Stock Exchange and Chairman of the Presidential Board of Advisers on Private Sector Initiatives; James E. Johnson, Public Affairs Coordinator, Safeway Stores, and Fredrick J. Ryan Jr., Deputy Assistant to the President and Director of the Office of Private Sector Initiatives.

The NAACP Youth Council Reorganizes

On Sunday, July 27, the Las Vegas Branch NAACP Youth Council will stage a youth rally at the Doolittle Center, on Lake Mead Blvd. W. and "J" Street. The hours will be from 6 p.m. until 9 p.m. and the entry fee will be \$3. For all those who are 21 years and younger, the fee includes entertainment, refreshments and a membership in the youth council of the NAACP. As President of the adult branch, I want our youth as well as the public generally to know that the NAACP's prayers, time, efforts, energies and monies will be spent spotlighting our youth. An invitation is extended to all the youth of West Las Vegas to attend the Youth Council Weekly Organizing Meetings every Wednesday night in the Branch office, 940 W. Owens Avenue.

The Community Needs Support From West Las Vegas Businesses

Many times, when reference is made to where a large concentration of Black people reside, an error is made when it is referred to as the Westside, when in point of fact, the correct designation is West Las Vegas. Generally speaking West Las Vegas extends from Cheyenne to Bonanza and from Rancho Rd. to Lossee Rd. Where as there is visible evidence of great strides have been made in the rest of the Valley, relative to economic development little has been done in the above described area. I believe that the time has come for the business people, who possess businesses in this area, should become more visible and vocal about economic development. It is wrong for them to continue to make their living from the area and yet are never seen or heard in City and County Chambers or Nevada Development Authority attempting to develop the community.

President Reagan Opposes Sanctions For South Africa

President Ronald Reagan

made on Tuesday, July 22, an impassionate plea to the American people to oppose Economic Sanctions for the government of South Africa. The main thesis of his foreign policy statement was that America should resist "emotional clamor" for sanctions against South Africa because we can't tell South Africa how to run its government and that Southern is like a zebra, if the white parts are injured, the black parts will die. Bishop Desmond Tutu says, "The President sits there like the great big white chief of old" and his statement was supportive of continuing the segregative policy of President Botha. It's ironical that America came into existence through a bloody revolution because it refused to be taxed without representation and for the basic freedoms that we now enjoy. I am requesting that every reader of this column to send a letter to the U.S. Senators Paul Laxalt and Chic Hecht, Senate Office Building Washington, D.C.

NAACP Membership Sunday In All Black Churches

On Sunday, July 20, Grace Immanuel Baptist Church became the first Black church, in the city, to hold NAACP Sunday. Rev. S.P. Parks the pastor extended the invitation to me to be the principal speaker. The congregation had been advised to renew their membership by paying a \$10 annual fee. The program was a grand success. I am requesting that all the other Black pastors follow the example, by moderator Parks and have NAACP Sunday in your church. The pastor is at liberty to speak on that Sunday or to designate

particularly college scholarships.

"We'll concentrate on overall preparation, prepare the kids for a career, let them know what kind of jobs are available," he said. "We feel the youth will prosper and we will prosper down the line. The youth is where you

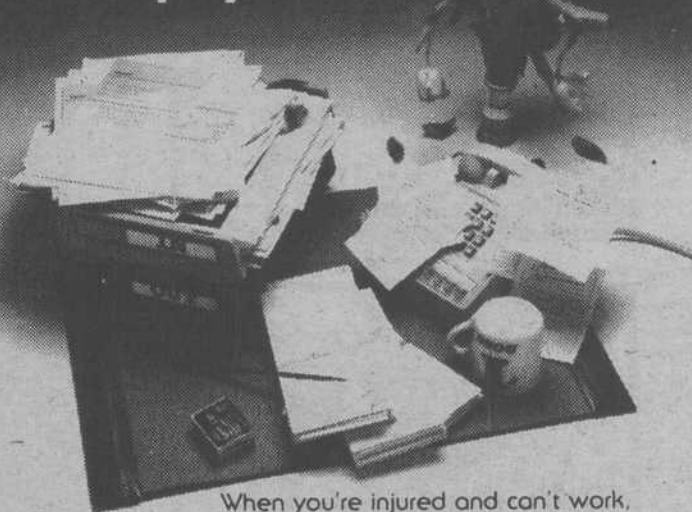
start it."

Scott said the council will become involved with a number of projects sponsored by the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, including the academic olympics staged each year. The Afro-

academic, Cultural, Technological and Scientific Olympics program awards cash and scholarships for high-school age youth.

The council also will provide a way for young people to get together and plan their activities.

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