

**Democrats OK Gibson, Neal**

For the first time in 10 years, James I. Gibson won't be able to claim the title of majority leader when he returns to the state Senate in January.

Instead, the Henderson Democrat will serve as Senate minority leader, with Sen. Joe Neal, D-North Las Vegas, as assistant minority leader. The Democratic senators met Friday and elected Gibson and Neal to the posts.

Since 1963, the Democrats have been the majority party in the Senate, but the election this month gave the

Republicans a 12-9 edge. Gibson, a 28-year veteran of the Legislature, has always been with the majority party. The Democrats were in power during the eight years he served in the Assembly and during the 20 years he has been a senator.

Gibson said he doesn't anticipate any problems working with the Republicans. In fact, he intends to meet next week with Reno Republican Bill Raggio, the new Senate majority leader, to discuss who should be appointed to the nine Senate committees.

**LINKS Hosted Alcohol And Drug Abuse Symposium**

The Las Vegas Chapter of LINKS, Inc. hosted an Alcohol and Drug Abuse Symposium for approximately 200 parents and students recently at Las Vegas High School.

The program began with entertainment by Love All People during an hour-long reception. The Symposium followed, with an introduction of Dr. Flavia Walton by Yvonne Atkinson of the Clark County School Board. Dr. Walton is not only a member of the Las Vegas



Pictured above, left to right, are LINKS Jamilla Arnold, Lee Morris, Dorothy Dickerson, Pres., Alice Carter and Alicia Thompson. Many other LINKS members were in attendance, but are not pictured.

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Chapter of the LINKS, but is also National Chairperson of Service to Youth. She initiated Project LEADS (LINKS Erase Alcohol and Drug Abuse), working extensively with Mrs. Nancy Reagan.

Dr. Walton acted as Moderator for Panel Members: Dr. Benjamin

Primm, Executive Director, Addition Research and Treatment Corp.; Dr. Sherard Morgan, Director of All-Med. in California; and Peter Bell, Executive Director of the Minnesota Institute on Black Chemical Abuse, Don Ross, Drug Coordinator for the Clark County School District gave

the closing address.

The Symposium was very informative and many questions were asked of the panelists, who answered all questions put to them by the audience.

The LINKS have many additional projects for the year that will be of service to the community.

**Washington Post Magazine Recall Committee Holds Forum**

Washington D.C.—An emotional Ossie Davis, noted actor and producer, stood with outstretched arms and hands, pointed toward the capacity audience in a Washington based church, and told the listeners that their struggles were not in vain and not to succumb to racism.

"I'm going to stand," shouted Davis, "I'm going to stand."

Approximately one thousand people attended the "Take it Back" Monday night, Washington Post Magazine Recall Committee community forum, at the United House Prayer to hear messages of positivism, self-reliance and strategies for black empowerment.

strategies to create better images in the news media, more specifically the Washington Post.

"We have given blood, life and spirit to the Constitution, but its meaning is often forgotten by the people," Davis said, speaking of the hardships blacks have endured in this country. "In America it is not enough to be free, you must fight to be equal. That is where the struggle is now."

According to community participants, the battle Davis referred to, had been simmering in the Nation's Capital for quite some time. On Sunday, September 7, the Washington Post Magazine debuted, and almost instantaneously a protest movement began.

On the cover of the premiere issue, was a New York rap star and accused murderer, Joseph "Just Ice" Williams Jr. Inside the magazine, "Just Ice" was profiled in a feature article and editorial columnist, Richard Cohen wrote that young black men ages 18 to 25 wearing tennis shoes were culprits of crime and stated that discrimination was acceptable when race interfered with the operation

of businesses.

Concerned citizens found the magazine to be doubly insulting and enthusiastically vowed to take it back to the Washington Post every Sunday, until they ceased publication of the magazine. So on this day, the day of the forum, it was obvious the issue of negative media was far from dead in the District of Columbia, and it was evident the momentum and energy had also yet to die.

Cathy Hughes, owner and manager of WOL AM radio station and the mastermind behind the recall drive, said the Committee's desires were simple, the tenants of basic journalism said Hughes, "balanced, objective coverage."

"We will no longer allow balanced, objective news coverage of the white community, while we pay our money for them to destroy our community," Hughes said "We have one purpose, and that is to make the Washington Post live up to its international reputation."

Critics of the protest have labeled the Recall Committee as "stubborn" and "unreasonable," because of their refusal to meet with Benjamin Bradlee, the executive editor of the Post.

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