

THE NAACP AND YOU!



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--NAACP Sunday Observed--

Last Sunday, Pastor S. Eugene Winn of First AME Church became the first pastor and church in Las Vegas to observe NAACP Sunday during 1987. Our prayer is that every Black pastor in Clark County will select a Sunday in his or her church to encourage every member to join or rejoin the NAACP. With a population of more than 50,000 Black people, a goal of 2000 NAACP members should be very easy to reach.

--The Nevada's Voter League--

Every Thursday at 5:30 p.m., the Voter's League meets at 940 W. Owens Avenue. Preparations are being made to register a large number of the 30,000 unregistered Blacks in Clark County before Jesse Jackson returns to Las Vegas early in April. We are inviting the following groups to come or send deputy registrars to these meetings: The Black Chamber, Barbara Jordan, churches, fraternities, sororities, Masons, Elks, Eastern Stars, social and political clubs, The Fordyce Club and Cosmetiques.

--Black People Are In Trouble Again--

Someone has written and I quote, "Those who fail to remember the past, are subject to repeat it." The twelve year period following

January 1, 1863 was known as The Reconstruction Period, when Blacks had and exercised all the rights that white men had. Then there was the Hayes/Tilden Compromise, where the South agreed to give up the presidency of the United States in exchange to have the peace keeping troops removed from the South. 50% of all the people in prison in Nevada are Black and 90% of that 50% are Black males. It costs the state \$25,000 each annually to keep them in prison and \$5,000 each annually to educate them. Two more prisons are under construction, just in case they are needed. A Black nineteen year old basketball player named Daniels wants to go to college, but can't read. This suggests that there are other Blacks in Daniels' condition. Blacks are the last hired and the first fired. Blacks are terminated for the smallest offense, while whites are allowed to keep their jobs, after breaking rules that everybody knows about.

--Blacks Need Another Harriet Tubman Railroad--

Harriet Tubman led her people during the Civil War from Southern slavery to Northern freedom. She had a route known as the Underground Railroad and she had stops along the way, known as stations. At each station she had people, whites and Blacks, known as

conductors to help her along the way. Blacks must be taught how to read and write, how to register to vote, and to vote on election day. To teach their children at home, before they go to church or school. To respect and support one another.

--NAACP Entertains Black High School Leaders--

The NAACP has invited the Black leaders and counselors from 15 high schools to be its guest at a reception in the Branch Office, 940 W. Owens on Sunday, March 8 at 4:00 p.m. The purpose of this meeting is to allow these youths and their counselors to get acquainted with some of the Black adults in the community. The NAACP has scholarship opportunities and encouragement to offer to these young people. The adults who attend this meeting are encouraged to make this a Pot Luck affair.

--NAACP Needs Volunteers--

Like all other organizations the NAACP must have the strength and support if it is going to grow. This strength and support comes only from people through membership participation. Volunteers are needed to write memberships on their families, friends, acquaintances and associates, including churches, social, political and economical organizations. Typists and receptionists are needed also.

--NAACP Job Bank Opens--

If you are seeking a job, you should come to the NAACP office at 940 W. Owens on Mondays between 5 and 7 p.m. The job developing process includes filling out an application so that a determination can be made as to what your work history and education level

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Pittsburgh, can improve their condition until they recognize that they must join in a common struggle. The social pathology that growing elements in society are attributing to race exists everywhere there is poverty and economic dislocation, both here and abroad. Social deterioration is rampant among the white jobless in England as well as among unemployed black youths in New York. These conditions can be found with increasing frequency in predominantly white towns in this country ravaged by deindustrialization.

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To combat bigotry and injustice today requires tactics that will address the profound economic changes that have had an adverse impact on all of America's poor, although unquestionably blacks have felt that impact more. Boycotting white businesses that serve blacks is not the answer. Nor is marching in an all-white town that is segregated, nor by law, but by tradition. While such protests may briefly focus media attention on a particular situation, they have little long-term impact.

As long as the government fails to offer an economic and social agenda that will help all Americans, racism, intolerance and ethnic stereotyping will increase. As long as the Administration ignores the plight of the poor underclass and as long as some civil rights leaders insist on special agenda for black poverty rather than for poverty in general, the fires is. If you are 18 years old, you might be interested in seeking opportunities to enter the apprenticeship programs of the building and trades unions.

of the new racism will be further fueled. Those concerned with reducing racial animosity and securing social and economic equity must continue to work through the political process to press the government to adopt an agenda committing billions of dollars for education, job-training for the unemployed and displaced workers, and social programs to help ease the suffering of all of America's poor.

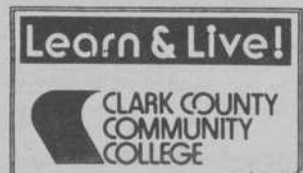
Economic justice cannot be legislated by the single stroke of a pin or the taking down of "Colored Only" signs. Nor can it be achieved by adopting the

strategy and tactics of the 1960s. Black economic and social progress is intimately tied to the national economy performing well for all Americans. Today, we are becoming a polarized country of haves and have-nots, a situation that is a fertile breeding ground for racism, hate, and scapegoating that pits the disadvantaged or hard-pressed against each other. Unless there is a concerted effort by the government to apply all its resources to alleviate this country's economic problems, the rifts in our society will grow ever wider, and will have ominous consequences.

Planning A Successful Future Seminar Scheduled

Epsilon Psi Sigma Chapter of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity will present a financial planning and 1987 tax seminar Planning A Successful Future on Saturday, February 21 in the Multipurpose Room at the North Las Vegas Library, 2300 Civic Center Drive. The seminar, being presented with Adorian Financial, Ltd., will be held from 10:00 a.m. til 2:00 p.m.

The seminar is free to the public and refreshments will be provided. Attendance will be limited to the first 200 registrants. To register call Terry Williams at 870-7099.



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you have in others will in some degree determine the confidence they have in themselves. The conventional question is: do the followers believe in the leaders? The more searching question for us is: does the leader believe in the followers?"

A distinguished educator, author and public leader, Gardner is cofounder of Independent Sector, a nonprofit organization dedicated to private sector volunteerism and philanthropy. He was secretary of HEW during the Johnson administration and received the Presidential Medal of Freedom, the nation's highest civil honor, in 1964. He has served as president of the Carnegie Corporation of New York and the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching (1955-70) and (1955); as chairman of the Urban Coalition (1968-70) and Common Cause (1970-77); and as chairman and member of numerous White House task forces and commissions on education.

National Community College Month was established in February 1986 by President Reagan and Congress, and will be observed at community, technical and junior colleges across the country.

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commended Assembly Minority Leader Lou Bergevin, R-Gardnerville, for getting the King holiday bill out of the committee in 1985 when he chaired Government Affairs. The bill was then approved by the Republican-controlled Assembly but died on a split vote in the Senate Government Affairs Committee. The Democrats had the majority in the Senate.

Although the Assembly is controlled this year by the Democrats, with the GOP in power in the Senate, Brookman asked Assembly Republicans to "urge the Senate not to kill it this time."

"Never mind the cost (of a holiday)," she said. "Sometimes you have to lay that aside for brotherhood."

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